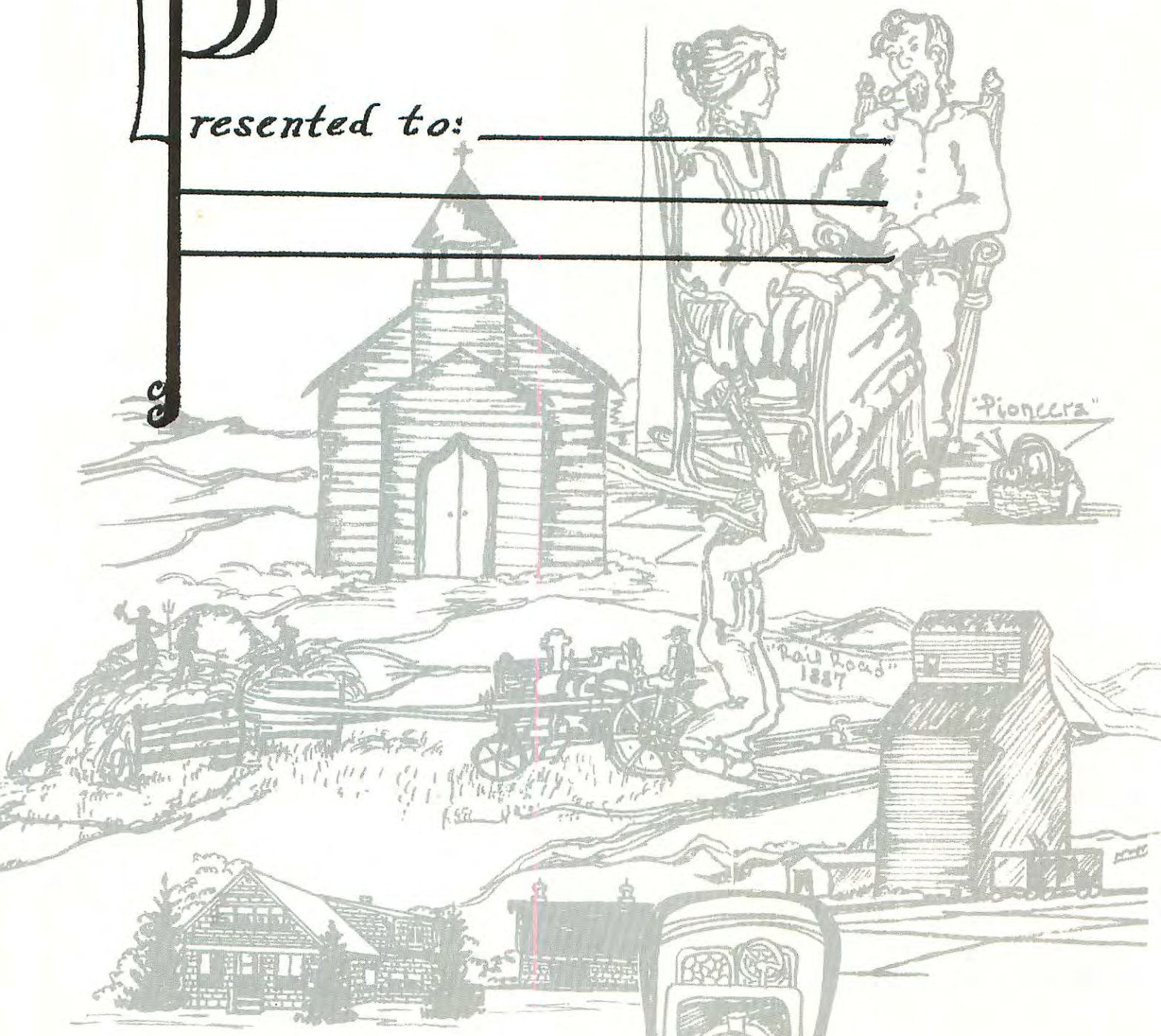
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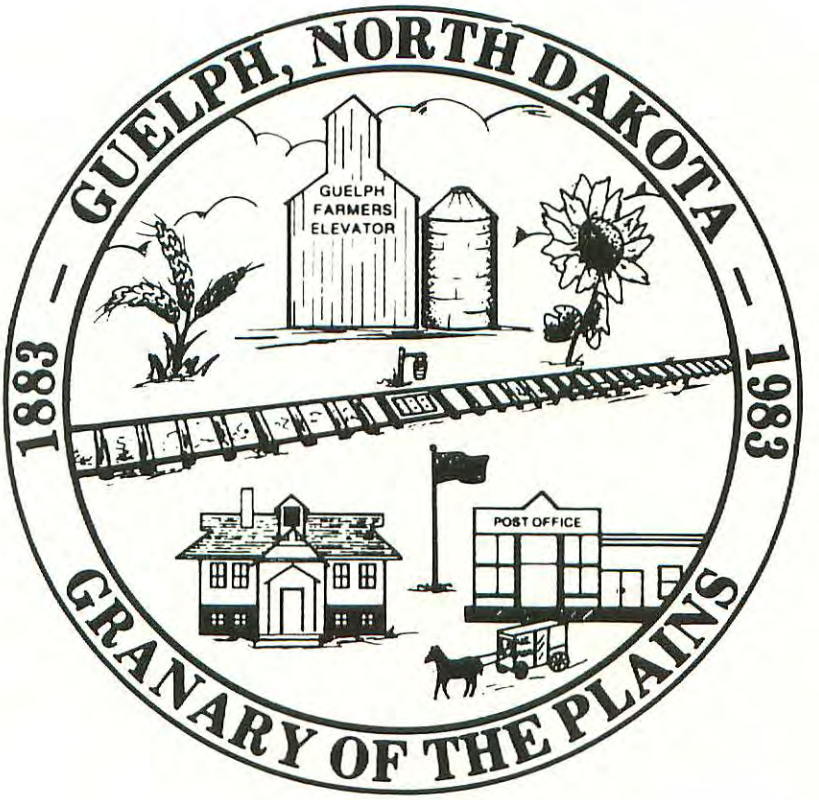
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Your community salutes you, Gladys, a tireless worker, a dedicated teacher, a missionary to all. You have touched the heart and soul of our lives by the many ways you have shown your love, patience, and concern through your prayers, kindnesses, letters, and weekly column.

You have instilled in us an appreciation of the heritage our forefathers have built. You in turn have built a memorial for us through your devotion to making this book a memorable one.

—Participants of the Guelph Centennial—



Your Book

This book is a story of the joys and sorrows of the people who grew the grain of the plains around the Guelph area. We dedicated this book to those who lived here in the past, the ones living here now, and to those who choose to live here in the future.

In choosing the title of our book **"Granary of the Plains"**, we thought it would reflect the most important industry of the Guelph area for the past 100 years. In the early days our area, along with the rest of Dakota, was referred to as the "Granary of the West." We changed the word "West" to "Plains" because we are not truly the west anymore.

In putting our logo together we wanted to reflect our book title and portray a picture of Guelph. The symbols on the logo are reflections of past and present land marks. Although a church was not pictured, we know a religious heritage was the inner strength that was so very important in theirs and our lives.

It was our desire to use as much local talent as possible. The art work on the cover and the divider pages is the work of Georgette Silvernagel Pickell. Much of the photography for the ads and of committees was done by Daphne Oswald Kinzler.

The history committee spent many hours researching for the book. Much time was spent at the N.D. Heritage Center in Bismarck and the Dickey County Courthouse in Ellendale looking through old records. Many days were spent in the offices of the Dickey County Leader in Ellendale and the Oakes Times in Oakes, for which we thank them for their patience. We tried to quote as many newspaper articles in our stories as possible to give you the editorial flavor of the era.

The old Port Emma Times and Ludden Times (printed from 1883-1889) were thoroughly read. Numerous diaries, scrapbooks and local history books were also used.

Our thanks to all who sent us family histories, photos and other information—you made the book possible

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Guelph in 1916 looking southeast

GUELPH

The year, 1883! The month, April! Four families from Neenah and Menasha, Wis. arrived and set down on a treeless unnamed grassy plain, which was eventually to be given the name of Guelph, a name which has posed a problem for many to pronounce correctly, generally pronouncing it "Gulp." If one says he is from Guelph, the next question invariably is "How do you spell it?" These four families settled on claims surrounding the crossroads, (we know it as the bank corner): The M.H. Puffer family on the quarter to the northeast, True Thatcher family, the quarter south of Puffers, Carlton Batchelor the quarter west of Thatchers, and Philip Brown filed on the other quarter to the north of Carlton Batchelor. This settlement was first called Menasha Center, but was to be given several other names before the name of Guelph was accepted. (See post office history).

Why had they come? They had heard much about the cheap fertile land with luxuriant grass in the Dakota Territory. Mr. Puffer and a couple friends had made a trip in the fall of 1882 to Aberdeen, Dakota Territory to examine the area. They decided the James River Valley appeared most favorable and went back with a satisfactory report and to make preparations to return the following spring.

They shipped what household goods, implements, livestock, and accessories they had in emigrant cars to Ellendale, the terminus of the new railroad, and then proceeded eastward over a trail dodging water holes and sloughs.

Now began the building of a new life. The cattle and horses had to be tethered as there were no fences. Their first shelters were one room buildings which were used as part bedroom at nights by sleeping on the floor. The bedding could be removed in the morning and the room used for cooking and living quarters during the day. During the summer of '83 water for drinking and washing had to be hauled in barrels from the big slough a mile southwest of the settlement. In the warm weather it became unfit for drinking unless it was boiled. The stock drank from nearby ponds and potholes.

Lew Puffer, son of M.H. Puffer recalls that before the winter of '83 closed in, they had raised their shanty to 1½ story and had papered the downstairs with building paper. They had a stable partly boarded and completely sodded in, a hen house all of sod with roof of heavy marsh hay, a hay barn adjoining the stable with sod walls 2 ft. thick and roofed with coarse hay. This hay barn was put up so that hay could be stored for fuel and fodder and could be easily reached during blizzards and cold weather. It was customary for the houses to be

sodded to the eaves. This was done by making a wall of sod layer about 4 inches thick. The sod was cut by a plow and then cut crosswise about 2 ft. in length.

The prairies had been the home and graveyard of thousands of buffalo. Picking up buffalo bones and selling them became a sideline of considerable importance. They were brought to Ellendale by wagon load to be shipped out in carloads by rail from there. Lew Puffer says he and his brother Lon gathered 2 wagon loads which they sold for $10 a ton. At one time piles of bones 4 ft. high and many feet long were piled alongside the railroad waiting to be shipped.

Many new settlers came from various states, Canada, newcomers from European countries of Scandinavia, Finland and Germany. Some located in the village, others on homesteads in the area. Mr. Puffer had 40 acres of land platted for the townsite of Guelph.



Looking east left to right: Lottie Puffer house, Puffer's store, Nellie Schultz house, United Methodist church and parsonage, Puffer's hall.



Guelph

Times improved and those who stayed by the land came through the pioneer days to see Guelph a prosperous community which at one time had 3 general stores, a cream station, hardware store, barber shop, blacksmith shop, a bank, lumber yard, stock yard, school, post office, 2 churches, 2 elevators, a cafe, IOOF hall, Puffer's Recreational Hall, railway depot, garage and a population of over 100 people.

Why have most of these disappeared? With the coming of the automobile and better roads, people have gone to other towns for their services. Today the post office, Methodist Church, the elevators, school and eleven dwellings remain. It appears the school will go this year.

We may feel a bit glum thinking the end has come. Let's look at the bright side. Guelph survived to celebrate its 100th birthday which many of the other towns in the area didn't. It has a special place in the hearts for many whom it and the surrounding area provided a wholesome life. There has developed a closeness of feelings among its people who are deeply concerned about each other. Compare Guelph 1883 with Guelph 1983. Isn't there more here today than then? May you live on, Guelph. More of Guelph's history will follow about its businesses and activities during the past 100 years.

GUELPH, MY TOWN

by Franklin B. Hokana

Guelph reached its zenith as a growing village during the late 1940's, at least so it seems to those of us who attended Guelph High School at that time. The most distant memories focus outside those now nonexistent green halls and classrooms to the community itself. For Guelph was alive and vibrant with mid-twentieth century change though few of us teenagers could fully perceive what was developing.

The Great Northern Railroad was in the throe of clinging to its historic past with out-dated monstronus steam engines that had contributed so much to another era, time, and generation. But, like the steam from the breath of horses on a winters morning, disappearing into the air, their utility had ended never to return to the former days gone by. During those years, work started before day-break, and men would leave the house early to start the chores. Roosters would crwo, dogs would bark, and cows would low in expectation of being relieved of a full bag of milk. Pigs would be fed, squealing in glee and crowding about a wooden home-made trough overflowing with fresh skim milk. Horses would then be harnessed, for much of the farm work was done by hand and at times it was very hard. In spring, the early hours of the day were often punctured by the distinct voice of the meadow lark. By mid-summer and early fall, it would be a startled pheasant or a partridge that would break the first sounds of day. Later in the year migrating ducks and geese would soar above a clear blue sky entending in length in what seemed infinity. The late months brought with them the cold and often snow. The winds came also, sharp and biting, and at times unbearable, blowing from the northwest unrelentlessly.

Yet, like Thornton Wilder's now classic play, "Our Town", where people in the small village of "Grovers Corner" came to relive a part in their lives, the history of Guelph will soon be relived. It will not be the advent of diesel engines or hard surfaced roads that entices one to revere this history, but the people who were there to mold and influence forever those who came to study and dream. Guelph too had its Grover Corner, known as Grovers Grocery Store, where people came and handed Grover Howard a list of groceries to fill a cardboard box and leave updated on the goings-ons. Political views were often expressed there and quite frequently philosphical ones. But, the heartbeat and life of mid-twentieth century Guelph took place for the most part at the high school. Here, young men with sun-burned faces and crew-cut hair would enter each fall in brand-new denims, having left behind patched and faded bib-overalls for some future generation carving out a new image. One day in September of 1947, I, too, put on a new pair of denims, and shortly after opened a book entitled, "Lady of the Lake," and wondered, why should we read this kind of story?

GUELPH POST OFFICE AND OTHER RELATED EVENTS

by Roland Waite

One of the first prerequisites for establishing a Post Office is to have a name for the town it serves. During my research of how Guelph got its name, I had to discount a few published stories.

One appeared in a booklet giving the origins of names of towns in N.D. In the Dickey County chapter, it said that the Thatcherville Post Office was established on March 19, 1887, with Henry Holderness, Postmaster, and discontinued April 21, 1889. After the G.N. Railway came through, it was named Guelph after the birthplace of James J. Hill, builder of the Great Northern Railway.

It is also recorded that the townsite was named for Manfried von Guelph, son of the Duke Karl Otto, head of the princely Guelph family of historic Hanover, who rejected his family and emigrated to America, and soon after came to this section of Dakota Territory where he opened up and operated a hardware store for several years.

In all my search for records in the local county papers, I found no reference to Baron von Guelph or Harry Holderness, so I will discount those two beginnings and commence with my story.

It is unclear exactly how these early pioneers received their mail before the Guelph Office was established. I have old letters of my grandfather in my possession. One was addressed:

S. Waite
Ellendale, D.T.

and dated Nov. 30, 1886. Another was addressed:

S. Waite
Ludden, Dakota Territory

and dated Dec. 3, 1885.

I suspect that these were sent to earlier established offices in the trade territory, and whenever you made your trip to any town once or twice a month for provisions, you called at the General Delivery window for any mail that might be there for you.

Notices were written up and posted in the early offices like this: "Notice, Here is a list of letters remaining in the Post Office for the week ending _____ Persons calling for letters of the above list will please say 'advertised'."

In these early times when a settlement was being established, 8 or more families could petition for and get a Post Office. By the time this was accomplished for Guelph, it was March 8, 1887. The issue was finally settled by the Post Office Department's acceptance of the name, GUELPH, suggested by one Silas R. Dales. He had emigrated from Guelph, Ontario, Canada, and had proved his claim here and had now built a grocery store building down on Main Street. (Most of us are familiar with it as Grover Howard's Store).



Store & Postoffice in Guelph - Harry Young, 1st mail carrier, J.D. Root, standing, wife & child in buggy - 1914

When the issue was settled, Silas R. Dales became our first Postmaster on March 8, 1887, and the store building housed the Post Office. Thus, a great deal of bickering which almost led to a feud about selecting a name was terminated. Here is an account which appeard in the **Ludden Times**: "Ludden's greeting of welcome to the sister town of Guelph: Guelph, alias Thatcherville, alias Coldwater, alias Thatcher, alias Centralia, alias Centropolis, alias Centers, and very near alias Church, now goes on the record as Guelph, to grow and flourish under that name."

I also heard of a couple other names suggeted: Menasha and Menasha Center; and, as one lady said at the time, "Maybe we should call it Hot Water, because that's what we've been in most of the time lately!"

The following items I ran across will give a small profile of our first Postmaster:

9-13-1887 Born to Mr. and Mrs. Silas R. Dales, Guelph, on Tues., Sept. 13th, a boy.

12-23-1887 Farm to rent. My farm 320A in good state of cultivation, good buildings, good water, and everything convenient. For particulars, call on or address: S.R. Dales, Guelph, ND.

3-30-1888 S.R. Dales, genial Postmaster, generous grain buyer, and "get-there" lumber merchant of Guelph, allowed the light of his jolly countenance to shine upon the benighted citizens of Ellendale on Tuesday last.

11-6-1913 S.R. Dales, after several days visiting with Ellendale folk, left Fri. for Fullerton in company with J. A. Dawe for a short visit with the Dawe family after which he returned to his home in California.

6-29-1977 Here are some excerpts from a letter written from Bob Dales of Columbia, S.C., a grandson of Silas Dales. This was to confirm my findings supplied to

an inquiry from Verne McIlwraith of the **Guelph Mercury**, Guelph, Ontario, Canada, who was eager to know how our Guelph got its name. Guelph, Canada, had been advertising for years that they were the only Guelph in the world.

The letter reads in part: "My grandfather was Silas Dales and to the best of my knowledge he did name the town of Guelph. Ed and Roxanne Dales of Guelph, Ontario, Canada, were my great-grandparents. As you probably know, my father had a brother, Frank, and a sister, Roxanne. Silas, my grandfather, moved from Guelph, ND, to Los Molinos, California, where he was Justice of Peace and operated a General Store and silent movie house.

"I have visited Guelph several times with my father, and have met some of the Puffer's and the Thatcher's. Yes, my mother was from Fullerton, ND, and she was Nellie Ada Dawe.

My father passed away in March, 1972, and my mother died in August, 1976. My mother had a sister, Mrs. Gladys Wolfe, who lives in Ellendale, ND."

"Thank you for the letter from Mr. Mcilwraith. If there is any further information which we can provide you regarding the Dales family, please let me know."

Sincerely,

Bob Dales

In Feb. 7, 1899, we find this announcement: "The Post Office Department is advertising for bids to carry the mail from Ellendale to Ludden and back going by way of Silverleaf and Guelph. The contract calls for six times a week, and it is to go into effect April 1st. The distance is 21 miles, and 5½ hours are allowed for making the distance. The stage is to leave Ludden at 7:00 a.m.; arrive at Guelph at 8:20 a.m.; leave Guelph and arrive at Ellendale at 12:15 p.m. Leave Ellendale at 1:15 p.m.; arrive at Ludden at 6:30 p.m.

Bids will close on Thurs., Feb. 9, 1899." We find no record of the successful bidder or the amount of the bid.

Contrast this with our route driver now: Henry Gebhardt, who leaves Jamestown at 05:00 a.m. and arrives at his destination, Fullerton, 3 hours and 15 minutes later, and has five intermediate stops, and the distance is 59.3 miles, one way.

The Post Office flourished as more and more settlers came and proved their claims, and after about ten years, enough people were in the area to petition for a rural route delivery. So, the route was established Nov. 16, 1907, and H. M. Young qualified as our first rural carrier.

A good deal of politics was involved in the selection of earlier postmasters, and the job—although not paying so much—was endowed with a certain amount of prestige. It did have a tendency to lure some potential customers into the store. Postmasters changed rather frequently, often in conjunction with the party in power and the national elections.

Below is a list of Postmasters and the dates they served, as furnished by the National Archives in Washington, D.C.:

POSTMASTER	APPOINTMENT DATES
Silas R. Dales	Mar. 8, 1887
Myron H. Puffer	June 6, 1889
Silas R. Dales	Oct. 14, 1893
Myron H. Puffer	Dec. 31, 1897
Jason D. Root	Oct. 24, 1906
Nellie B. Howard	June 4, 1919
Grover Howard	Sept. 15, 1930
Mrs. Mary E. Wallace	July 8, 1933 (assumed charge)
	Aug. 15, 1933 (acting)
Mrs. Theta Jensen	July 8, 1941 (assumed charge)
	July 23, 1941 (acting)
Hannah Swanson	Nov. 28, 1945 (assumed charge)
Roland Waite	Nov. 30, 1960 (assumed charge)
	Dec. 9, 1960 (acting) and still Postmaster as of this writing.

The Post Office moved locations quite regularly, too, with change of Postmasters. It was first in the Dales' store, and next in Puffer's store; then back to Dales' store and once again back to Puffer's store. By 1906, J.D. Root had acquired the Dales' store and the Post Office remained there for several years. In the early 30's, it was moved to the Guelph Cafe building, and Emma Von Eschen clerked, but Grover Howard was named Postmaster.

In July of 1933, Mary Wallace assumed charge, and the Post Office was moved to the Wallace hardware building where it remained until Wallace's moved to Valley City, ND.

Mrs. Theta Jensen assumed charge in 1941, and although starting in the hardware store, she soon had to find another location; as the hardware building was being vacated and disposed of. The former Guelph State Bank building was available, and seemed a good location, and spacious enough for the Post Office and living quarters of the S. H. Jensen's for about 4 years.

In this interim, "Barb" Jensen had decided to relocate to Oakes to further his career, so Theta wished to resign. The Post Office Department searched the area for a successor, and finally talked Hannah Swanson into assuming charge. Mrs. Swanson began her career in the Bank building, but soon decided it was too unhandy, and also hard to heat in the winter; so, she requested to have it moved into her home into the dining room where it remained until 1961 when I applied for permission to move it to the east portion of my new double garage. I had become acting Postmaster in Dec. of 1960 and operated in Mrs. Swanson's home for several months with Mrs. Swanson as my clerk.

Being a Postmaster is not without its pitfalls, and not every Postmaster is liked by all his patrons. Below is an example written by one disgruntled citizen back in earlier times:

Guelph, ND
Feb. 25, 1906

Hon. T. F. Marshall
Washington

My Dear Sir:

We get mail here but once a day, and that is from the east, Now, if the Rutland pouch could be disposed of (there is nothing in that pouch) and a pouch from the west put in its place it would oblige us very much at Guelph, and I sincerely pray that you do not have _____ reappointed Postmaster at Guelph. The Post Office patrons are nearly all disgusted with him as Postmaster and will very soon hand in a petition for a change in favor of _____ who is putting in a stock of hardware and groceries into the old S. R. Dales store. The Ludden Lumber Company have started a yard at Guelph including coal and machinery. The telephone line will put in a switchboard at the store to connect with the farmers' line so you can see we are still on the map.

Very truly yours,

_____

And then there is always danger of a burglary as appeared in a Guelph news item Wed. Oct. 29, 1909:

"Roots Store Burgled"

Last night the store of J. D. Root at Guelph was broken into. The Post Office is located in the store and $115.00 in 2¢, $23.00 in 1¢, and $10.00 in 5¢ stamps were taken as well as some cheap jewelry. No evidence as to the number or identity of the robbers is known. Mrs. Root arose during the night to close a window and noticed that the store was open. An investigation revealed the robbery. After robbing the store, the men broke into the Great Northern hand car house and took out a hand car. No trace has yet been found. It is thought that the men ran the hand car to Newton, changed to the Northwestern tracks and thus made their escape. It is thought to be the work of hoboes.

"On the 28th, it was reported the hand car stolen from Guelph was found at Ludden and some of the jewelry was found at Aberdeen. No trace of the stamps so far."

In some instances, Postmasters are required to make up for a loss of stamp accountability in minor losses and mistakes, but not in a proven robbery.

In earlier days, the Postmaster's salary was based upon the number of letters and packages canceled plus a 3¢ commission on each money order. In the years between 1936 and the early 1940's the stamp sales amounted to from $165.00 to $235.00 per quarter. Then there was an allowance for owning the safe and some of the office equipment which was not supplied by the Department in small 4th class offices. There was also a rental allowance for the post office space.

In the Aug. 24, 1933, issue of the **Oakes Times** I came across this item in the Guelph News:

"The United States Civil Service Commission has announced an examination, as a result of which it is expected to make certification to fill a contemplated vacancy" (Mary Wallace was moving to Valley City) "in the position of fourth class Postmaster at Guelph. The examination will be held at Ellendale, receipt of applications to close Sept. 15. The compensation of the Postmaster at this office was $737.00 for the last fiscal year."

Money orders ran as high as 334 per quarter back in the 20's and 30's as compared to 10 to 20 now. The fee was only 10 or 15¢ apiece as compared to 75¢ now.

Another almost forgotten job was that of mail messenger who was hired on bids by the Department to bring the mail from the depot to the Post Office and return the bags and pouches to the depot prior to train arrival time. The mail messenger job at Guelph bid in at $9.50 per month. Former Guelphites who held this position for which we can find records are Dorothy Schultz Barsten, Ted Jensen, and Mae Anderson. My recollection of the mail messenger was mostly of Mae Anderson and her wheelbarrow; wheeling the mail to and from the depot in rain or shine and trying to correlate her schedule to that of the rather irregular schedule of the Great Northern. Around Christmas-time, there were a great many sacks of packages, so this necessitated many trips back to the depot or else having her ever faithful "Hank" crank up the old Chevy and give her some assistance.



Mrs. Swanson in front of her house

In 1960, I applied for Postmaster to fill the vacancy in Guelph left by the forced retirement of Mrs. Swanson. She had reached the magic ages of 75 years and could no longer serve, so a notice appeared in the local office that the vacancy existed at an annual salary of $2700. I applied, hoping it might eventually lead to the position of rural carrier; but, under new rules, the line of succession had been changed, the Postmasters dropped to about 4th or 5th place in succession for a chance at the rural route. As a result, I was more or less locked into being a Postmaster.

Many changes have taken place in recent years. On July 1, 1971, the United States Postal Service was inaugurated. This was meant to relieve Congress of administering Postal policy. It was supposed to operate like a private business, devoid of politics and on a pay as you go basis.

Inflation and the OPEC nations have caused periodic deficits. For every cent increase in the price of gasoline, the Postal Service must spend thousands of extra dollars to keep the mail moving.

To keep up with the cost of living, the Carriers and Crafts Unions threatened strikes and walkouts to enforce their demands. The higher pay granted required increases in Postal rates with additional appropriations by Congress to make up the deficits. In the 20 years since I assumed charge, the rate for a first class letter has risen from 4¢ to 20¢. In other efforts to stay within the budget, a lot of jobs were eliminated in favor of automated equipment. In many cases some of the service has deteriorated.

In the 1940's it became apparent that the Great Northern was letting their rails and schedules suffer, and eventually dropped their daily service and their $25,000 annual contract for carrrying the mails. As a result, a network of truck route on a bid basis had to be worked out. New schedules had to be established, and many of us wondered whether it was progress to mail a letter to Ludden, Oakes, or other surrounding towns and have it get there by going up to Jamestown and be re-sorted and return the following day to its destination.

And who of us will forget the days back in 1962 when Mr. Zip arrived to aggravate us, and Guelph became just a number—58447? ZIP CODE (Zoning Improvement Plan)—a system devised to speed up mail deliveries—under which the Post Office assigns a code number to individual areas and place.

In large offices, the mail is scanned and sorted by Zip Code only and directed to different areas by machines. So, if your letter bears the wrong Zip, it'll go astray regardless of the accuracy of city, state and street address. Consider the fact that Fargo, ND, has seven Zip codes and Los Angeles in excess of seven thousand! And, lurking on the back burner, is ZIP+4 which has run into opposition by various mailers who say it would be too costly to switch over to.

Down the road are those that say by the 1990's the U.S. Postal Service must become heavily involved in electronic mail delivery. Under E-COM (Electronic Computer Originated Mail) the U.S. Postal Service accepts letters in electronic form, converts them to hard copy, inserts them in envelopes, and delivers them. During July of this year, they averaged 172,000 pieces of mail a week sent electronically. USPS expansion in electronic mail depends on a go-ahead from Congress.

The small community Post Offices have been the hub and center of communities. Rural routes not only deliver letters, but daily and weekly newspapers, publications, and market quotations, mail order goods, and farm machinery parts. In rural America, driving distances are long, phone calls are expensive, and towns are small. Mail is the lifeline!

We might think postage rates are high in the U.S., but they do stack up favorably with other countries of the world. From the tone of most complaints, one might think all other prices were stable, with only the Postal Service playing dirty. All generations have their gripes. Back in 1914, there was an attempt to get first class letter postage reduced from 2¢ per letter down to 1¢. A National One Cent Letter Postage Association was formed in Cleveland, and it was backed by thousands. They maintained that first class letters brought in 70% of the total revenue while accounting for only 1/8 of the total weight; therefore, any amount over 1¢ per letter was clear profit to the government, and the government was not to tax letter writers unfairly to make a profit. The principle of the Post Office Department was only to operate at cost.

Being a small town Postmaster is an experience I don't regret. It is interesting at times, and sometimes boring and fraught with too many regulations, forms and reports. One of the most memorable services performed in this office was the day a member of our school board came in with a valuable package to register. It was March 23, 1964, and the package contained $136,000 worth of Bonds for the new school building, and were to be sent to Bismarck. Our rate chart only goes up to $1000. From then on I had to delve into the manual to find the fee.



Roland Waite (present Postmaster) with a visitor from Guelph, Canada, in front of present post office.

It has been my privilege to serve the patrons of this office, with the assistance of my wife, Karen, as my relief, and it has been exciting digging up some of the past for this article.

by Roland Waite

GUELPH MAIL ROUTE

by Harold Maddock

Guelph Rural Route 1 of twenty-eight miles was established November 16, 1907 with Nellie B. Howard as Postmaster and Harry M. Young appointed regular carrier. Most roads then were prairie. Perhaps the very low places had been filled in. Harry's mode of travel at first on the route was horse and buggy during the summer. Winters of snow drifted roads, it was open sleigh and horses. Harry later acquired an enclosed cab with a window to the front with sliding half doors on each side for opening to serve the mail boxes. The cab was equipped with a coal burning stove for winter use. The cab was suitable for use either on a buggy chassis or a four runner sleigh, very similar to a bob sleigh, but much lighter in weight. Harry used two teams in winters of snow, changing teams at the Burkhardt farm which was approximately half way around the route. The Burkhardt brothers cared for the extra team.





Due to late arrival of the daily mail by train and short daylight hours in winter, mail on the route was delivered a day late. This was the practice followed by any carrier serving the route in winters of snow, which required sleigh and horses to serve the route. One summer of exceptionally heavy rainfall with existing road conditions then, Harry stripped down a Model T Ford without body, running boards or fenders, with seat mounted on the gasoline tank, a waterproof container for protecting the mail back of gasoline tank when driving through sloughs on the route, some as long as ten to twenty rods.



Around the year 1909 or 1910, Harry took a leave of absence. Julius Rabe at the time (later known as Julius Robie due to a name change) substituted for Harry during his leave. He had written the rural carrier examination October 17, 1908 and received a rating of 92.25. Therefore he was eligible to be appointed a regular carrier, had Harry resigned sometime before Julius was employed by the Great Northern Railroad Company. Julius used bicycle or rode horseback when it was raining, or snowing and cold. It is not known how long Harry's leave of absence was. Harry resigned effective April 15, 1918 to take up farming as a livelihood.

Albert W. Poe was appointed as substitute carrier. He served the route from April 16, 1918 to July 14, 1919, his mode of travel serving the route was very similar to Harry Young's in summer or winter. Albert took Harry's horse drawn equipment. Upon Albert Poe's resignation, Wilford Waite was assigned substitute carrier effective July 15, 1919. His service on the route was from the above date until October 31, 1920 at which time Ernest M. Fleming received appointment as regular carrier for the Guelph route, effective November 1, 1920. This he declined, as he didn't wish to move from the Ellendale area to Guelph; therefore Wilford Waite continued on as substitute carrier until August 31, 1921.

Harold Maddock who had written the rural carrier examination the previous March at Oakes received appointment as a regular carrier effective September 1, 1921. As of that date there was only one full mile of graded and graveled road on the route then of thirty miles. A good share of the other twenty-nine miles of the route were prairie roads, except some long draws or dry runs which were graded with culverts installed. In other areas where grades and culverts were nonexistent, carriers would detour through fields or pastures on higher ground. As the years went by, roads were graded and back sloped to eliminate snow drifts from the winters storms. During W.P.A. days the best graded roads were graveled.



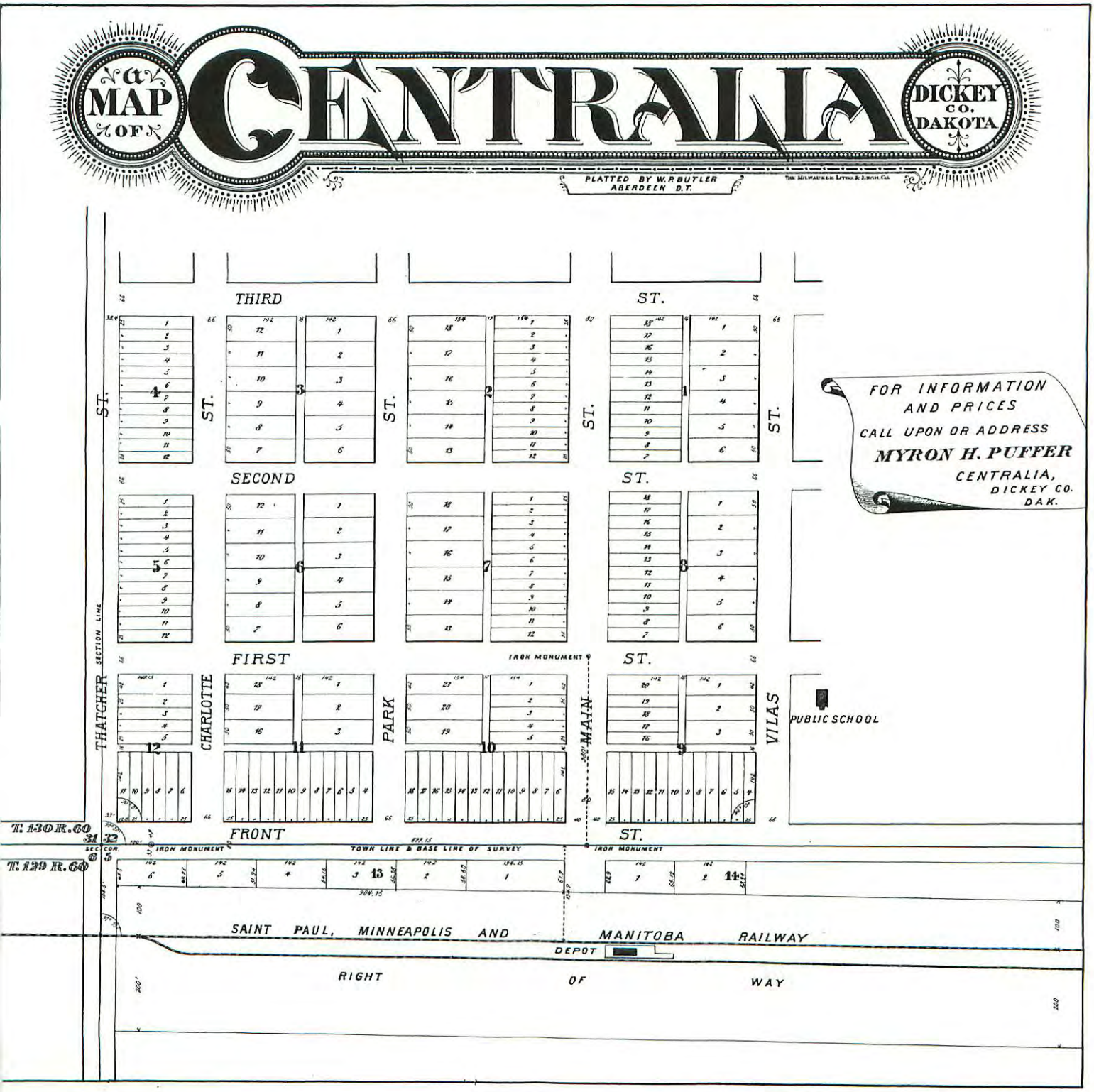
Harold owned a Model T Coupe equipped with a ruck stel axle which he used on the route after rains or in spring when roads were soft and muddy from melting snow. When shifted to the Ruckstell gear, it gave thirty percent more power, also reducing forward speed some twenty percent. In the mid thirties Lawrence and Frank German were operating the Guelph Repair Garage. They had a combination of large wheels, tires, and rims which they said could be fitted to the wheels of the coupe by removing the fenders. With large tires and the extra power of Ruckstell axle, the car so equipped should go through and over more snow than an ordinary car. Harold gave them permission to make the change. The car so equipped did very well in the snow. If one did encounter eight to ten inches of loose snow which caused the car to lose forward traction, by backing up some, then making a run at filled tracks it went through okay. If not, by shoveling out the tracks a short distance one could be on his way. After storms Harold could usually serve the route without very much shoveling. For the first couple trips after a storm he would generally take along a helper. With the coupe, so equipped, the route of thirty-six miles could be served in about four hours. The last time this equipment was used was in February 1936, a rear axle broke some 14 miles from the end of the route. Barb Jensen was along as a helper. Due to the deep snow, drifted roads and stormy weather at the time, they were unable to have the car moved to Guelph for repairs. They walked carrying the mail to the then Edward Perlenfein farm where they spent the night (this was the only time during all the years that Harold carried mail that he didn't make it home for the night.) After breakfast with the Perlenfeins, the next morning Barb and Harold were off on foot to Guelph, arriving at the post office about 10:30 a.m. The rest of the day they spent transferring the mail cab onto a sleigh, checking the harness, sleigh, etc., bringing in a team from Rudolph Sells farm to Guelph. The next morning shortly after daybreak, horses hitched, mail picked up at the post office which had been packed the night before, Harold was on the way to serve the first half of the route to Burkhardts. There he met Barb Jensen, who that morning walked from Guelph to Perlenfeins for a team, which he took to Burkhardts. The horses were changed to complete serving the route patrons that day. Barb rode with Harold for the return trip to Guelph. In the winters with much snow, when horses and sleigh were needed, farmers were always happy to lend horses for mail route use, as this gave them less horses to feed and care for during a time when extra horses were not needed.

The time needed to serve the route of thirty-six miles with horses would average eight hours or so. The winter of 1936 was the last winter in which horses were used. By late thirties and early forties most route roads were graded with a good share of these also graveled. Shortly after this period school buses came into being. School bus routes were over some miles of rural route, many roads by then were maintained by county maintainer, which was used with a snow plow for opening roads. County designated roads were the first to have snow removal. After a storm, then in order were principle school bus and rural route roads. Any road that was open after a storm other than route roads would be traveled to deliver mail to nearest point of service for those patrons whose mail boxes were on blocked roads. Their mail would be tied in a roll and left in other patrons mail boxes for them to pick up either by walking, riding horseback or whatever was most convenient. This arrangement seemed to be satisfactory to all patrons. As most mail would be delivered the same day it arrived at the post office, many times carriers would drive eighty to ninety miles a trip to make all deliveries.

Postmasters at Guelph during the time Harold was rural carrier were Nellie B. Howard, Grover Howard, Mary E. Wallace, Theta M. Jensen and Hannah Swanson. Harold's transfer by post office department to rural route one Oakes, ND was effective May 1, 1954. Burton G. Botts, rural carrier at Ludden, ND then was transferred to Guelph route 1, length of 39.50 miles on May 2, 1954 with part of the Ludden route being attached to Guelph, making route length of 61.60 miles. the balance of the Ludden route was consolidated with route 3 Oakes, ND. Since then some extensions have been made to Guelph route with the present length of 86.10 miles These extensions gave better service to the patrons. Burton Botts served this route until taking sick leave May 15, 1977, later retiring effective April 22, 1977. Carroll E. Waite who was the substitute carrier at the time Burton retired, has continued as carrier of the Guelph route to the present time.

H. F. Muzzy of Guelph area shot 2 buffalo near St. George (LaMoure County Line) 9/10/'85

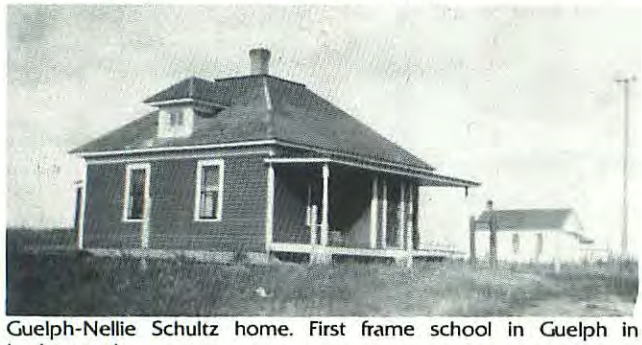
Sometimes it is better to put off until tomorrow what you are likely to botch today.


A MAP OF CENTRALIA
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SECOND ST.
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PARK
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VILAS
ST.
SECTION LINE
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TOWN LINE & BASE LINE OF SURVEY
PUBLIC SCHOOL
FOR INFORMATION AND PRICES CALL UPON OR ADDRESS
MYRON H. PUFFER
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DEPOT
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HISTORY OF THE GUELPH SCHOOL

by Theta Jensen

In 1885 the first school was held in a sod shanty built by Phillip Brown on his quarter section of land across the road from the bank building to the north. In those early years two sessions were held. During the winter months the farm boys went while the girls mainly went during the summer months. Miss Eva Smith was the first teacher and had 10 pupils for the summer session. William Bateman taught the winter session with 15 pupils. Mrs. Maud Root was one of the first pupils. Frequently the adults attended school.



Guelph-Nellie Schultz home. First frame school in Guelph in background.

A regular one-room school-house was built on an acre of land given by Mr. Puffer. This was in the east part of town where the present school is located. The deed for this acre was recorded on February 13, 1908 but the school was built earlier. This school house was heated by a stove with a jacket. Water was carried from Puffer's well and all drank from the same cup.

In 1906 Winnie Wagner attended this school. She was 10 years old at the time. Gertrude Puffer was her teacher.

It is recorded that for one month of teaching Lottie Puffer once received $24 per month for a 3 month session.

On June 4, 1908 we learn that Winnie Wagner was one of the prize winners in a spelling contest.

A box social was held on October 22, 1910 at the home of Mrs. Wagner. The proceeds were to be used to purchase a desk for the school. The price of the boxes was limited to fifty cents.

On November 21, 1913 an item in the Guelph news reports that a weight social would be held in the hall on Wednesday night. The fine program of songs and recitations was given by the pupils of Miss Maude Shimmin. It was a success as $20 was raised to help get an organ for the school.

Warren Courtney entertained the Guelph school children at a skating party January 24, 1914.

The Hudson School District was assured of a big new school building in Guelph at the election held on May 4, 1916. This was the result of an earlier meeting at the I.O.O.F. Hall when County Superintendent Strand and Professor Hollis lectured on the the question of a new school building in Guelph and much interest was shown.

The excavating for the basement of the new school building had been finished by May 17, 1917 and work was to start on the building immediately.

In November 1917 the School board voted that the old school building at Guelph was to be sold to the Northwestern Holiness Association as it put in the highest bid. It was to be remodeled for a parsonage and located on their lot in the west part of town.



Guelph School. Original two room building.

Winnie Norton recalls teaching in the east basement room of the new two room school. The school didn't provided a large room for the high school students. The high school room was more like a wide hall between the two rooms. Later this was the hall that led to the high school room which was built on the north side of the building.

There was a special election at School #2 in Guelph on June 20, 1920 for the building of a new school house on the site of No. 4 and an addition to the Guelph School which had been built prior to that time.

In 1922 Mrs. Angeline Wilson taught high school in the garage that was now owned by Grover Howard. On January 1, 1923, the high school was moved into the hall of the school house as Mrs. Wilson had resigned. Walter Saunders from Ellendale became the high school teacher. Six weeks before school was to end, he had surgery, so Alfred Hainaut, an N.I. student, completed the term.

The 8th grade Commencement exercises in June of 1922 for Hudson and Port Emma Townships were held in the I.O.O.F. Hall on a Saturday evening. The class consisted of Wallace Maddock, Arthur Spear, George and Lawrence German, Bernard Honl, Elmer Tobin, Blanche Denison, Phyllis and Frances McCoy, Genevieve Maddock, Cecilia Kelly and Valta Rayl.

On February 2, 1925 a steam plant was installed in the school by William Galena of Fergus Falls. It seemed to give heat and satisfaction at less work for the janitor. Some 30° below weather will prove whether the plant was really any good.

In November of 1926 after P.T.A. the pupils of the high school held a fish pond and candy sale to raise money for a picture for their room.

On November 11, 1926 the Guelph High School and upper grades enjoyed a very interesting talk on "Gold Mining" given by Lon Puffer.

In 1930 Guelph High School had a baseball team which played very well.

The high school had a carnival on October 24, 1930. The pupils of the Guelph School made a beautiful quilt and sold tickets on it. Tickets sold for 15¢ each or 2 for 25¢ and could be purchased at the Guelph Confectionery.

On January 18, 1934 a night school for adult education under the federal government was organized with an enrollment of 25 adults. Classes in home crafts, English, mathematics and typewriting would be held at the school 5 nights a week from 7 to 10 o'clock with Miss Marion Mock of Forbes as instructor.

The Guelph School took several places in the music contest held in Ellendale on April 29, 1934. Vocal group by lower grades, 3rd place; girl's solo by Eleanor Olson, 3rd place; boy's solo by Harold Baker, 1st place; piano solo by Harriet Bast, 2nd place; vocal group by upper grades, 3rd place.

A class of 28 graduated from the 8th grade on June 6, 1934. This is the largest class to graduate at Guelph.

For some years only two years of high school were offered at the Guelph School. In 1936 for the first time there were four high school graduates. They were Hugh Norton, Alice Olson, Dorothy Pagenkopf and Rosalie Schwarting.



First high school graduating class - 1936.



Guelph High School 1935-36 with Don Sprouse and Frances Naylor as instructors.

On March 28, 1940 the school house roof caught fire from sparks in the chimney. Marilyn Wallace noticed it as she went home at noon. Walt Beck, Ernest Visto, Clyde Hauser and H.J. Newman soon had the fire under control.

Hot lunches were first served in the school under the supervision of Mrs. Rollo. Two hot foods besides a fruit were served.

On November 18, 1942 a reception was given at the school by the P.T.A. for the high school students which proved a very enjoyable social affair. About 40 to 50 were present. This was the first time a reception had been given for high school students at Guelph and it was hoped that henceforth it would be an annual affair. A series of games and contests were arranged with candy prizes. A program was given.

In January of 1953 the P.T.A. purchased a new refrigerator for use in the lunch room.

A reorganization meeting for Hudson, Port Emma, Kent and Ada school districts was held April 27, 1953 at the hall.

The Guelph school held its carnival October 30, 1953 at 8 p.m. Admission was 25¢ which gave a chance to win the door prize and also admitted you to the junior play. There were thrills, fun and excitement during the entire evening. The proceeds amounted to $250 and was used for the school activity fund. The door prize was a deep fryer.

The last of October that year Hudson township bought a new 48 passenger GMC bus. Edward Frederick was the driver.

Sometime along here the Perry Pederson school in Port Emma district had been moved to the Guelph school adding more room for the growing need.



North side of Guelph School showing addition on left which was put on about 1926. The right addition was moved in Port Emma #3 (Pederson school)-added to Guelph school about 1954.

Play Day was held at the school on April 30th, 1954. Ludden, Riverdale, 2 schools in Kent, 1 school in Ada and the school south of Ludden joined the activities of the Guelph school. The program started at 10:30 in the hall and was open to the public. Lunch was served at the school by the high school students.

In June of 1954 an election resulted in the consolidation of Hudson and Port Emma school districts.

A new hallway had been added to the school building to connect it with the Pederson school that had been moved in. It was insulated during the summer months of 1955. Walt Beck and the school board members took care of the insulation.

With the increased enrollment and more room for high school, the need for a school band was apparent. Ray Hollan was the director. The 27 members of the first band looked sharp in their uniforms when their pictures were taken in February of 1957. Their music added much pleasure in the community.

In August of 1957 Ray Hollan discussed the need of an organization to back the newly started band and do the things for it the school board couldn't do.

The following mothers met at the school house: Mrs. Walt Beck, Mrs. Ray Brown, Mrs. John Benson, Mrs. George German, Mrs. Leo German, Mrs. Frank Hansen, Mrs. Wallace Maddock, Mrs. John Maddock, Mrs. Clifford Warner, Mrs. William Thorpe, Mrs. John Visto, Mrs. Lawrence Sund, Mrs. Ben Scheffert and Mrs. Palmer Vie.

This group of mothers decided to organize to help the band. They elected Mrs. Walt Beck as 1st President; Mrs. Leo German, Vice-President; Mrs. William Thorpe as Secretary and Mrs. Frank Hansen as Treasurer. They were to meet every third Wednesday and all mothers who had children in band automatically became members of the Band Mothers.

Their first venture was a supper at which they served over 400 plates. That first year they also served at basketball games, wedding anniversaries, Farm Bureau dinner and tournaments.

The band continued to function at many gatherings and was an added asset to the school.

The basketball teams, both boys and girls, helped to put Guelph on the map. They enjoyed the new gym which had been completed in 1956 and really worked hard to win. The students participated in other sports, too.



July 4, 1963 marked a turning point in Guelph School's history. That morning fire destroyed the high school. It started in the building that had been moved in and joined to the original structure.

During the year of 1963-64 the classes for grades 7-12 were held in classrooms set up in the gym. This again demonstrated the "togetherness" and ingenuity of the Guelph community.



New Guelph School.

In the spring and summer of 1964 arose a new building for all twelve grades, completely modern in every detail. Again the people of the Guelph community could justly be proud of their new school. The original two-room school was moved to the Knecht farm south of Guelph to be used for a shop.

May 27, 1970, the last senior class of Guelph High School received their diplomas, proud representatives of the 85 years of education that Guelph had provided for the pupils of the community. There have been 204 graduates from Guelph High School. Many have gone out into the world and accomplished great things. There were many dedicated teachers through these years that helped these students become successful citizens in their field, but the one who tops the record is Miss Gladys Oliason who helped mold character in her students for the 26½ years she taught in Guelph.

In May of 1970 the school was annexed to the Oakes School District. The 5th and 6th graders have enjoyed attending the Guelph School since then and until the end of the school year in 1983. With addition of 6 grade rooms at the Oakes School, the 5th and 6th grades will no longer ride the bus to Guelph but will be in Oakes. So with the observance of Guelph's Centennial it will also mark the end of the school here. It is with a great deal of sadness that we watch the death of such a beloved part of our community.

Despite all our accomplishments, we owe our existence to a six-inch layer of topsoil and the fact that it rains.

Poverty is the condition we try to conceal at the time and then brag about in our memoirs.

TEACHERS OF HUDSON #2 OR THE GUELPH SCHOOL

1883 Miss Eva Smith - summer session

1883 William Bateman - winter session

1885-1886 William Bateman - winter session

4/20/86 Mrs. O.A. Rawley - summer session 22 pupils

1887 Lindersmith - winter session

1888 Hinman - winter session

1889 C.C. Shepard - winter session

1890 Miss Helferty - winter session

1891 Lon Puffer - winter session

1892 Lute Puffer - winter session

Eva Smith, Nevada Hatch and Mrs. Rawley were among the summer teachers.

1895 Bert A. Greenwood
1/2 - 4/5

1895 Maude Bateman
9/2 - 12/20

1897 George H. Keyes, Jr.
9/6 - 11/26

1897 Mrs. Emma Armstrong

1898 E.M. Buckingham
4/4 - 6/30

1900 Lottie Puffer
9/3 - 11/23

1901 Edith Knight
11/26 - 4/5

1901-1902 Annie M. Clark

1902-1903 No record

1903-1904 Gertrude Puffer

1904-1905 Gertrude Puffer 1st semester
Carolyn Bryant 2nd semester

1905-1906 Rachel M. Munch

1906-1907 Gertrude Puffer

1907-1908 Edith Saunders

1908-1909 Gena Courtney

1909-1911 Caroline Wright

1911-1912 Camilla B. Amley

1912-1913 Mary E. Smith

1913-1914 Maude Shimmin

1914-1915 Josie Morgan

1915-1916 Mary E. Porter

1916-1917 Mrs. W. C. Norton

1917-1918 Lillian E. Harm, Nellie B. Howard, and Mrs. W. C. Norton

1918-1919 Gertrude Linvill, Nellie B. Howard and Mrs. E. J. Herbert

1919-1920 Gertrude Linvill, Nellie B. Howard and Helen Mae Coleman

1920-1921 Ella Lane, Nellie B. Howard, and Mrs. Roy Harm

1921-1922 Gertrude Linvill, Ella Lane, Esther Brolander and Mrs. W. C. Norton

1922-1923 Mrs. Milton Wilson until Jan. 26, 1923, then Walter Saunders with Alfred Hainaut for the last six weeks, for high school. Anna Sandness and Neola Doggett

1923-1924 H. James Watson and Verna Voight

1924-1925 Rogner L. Ogren and Millie Hokana

1925-1926 Nellie B. Howard and Pauline Maddock

1926-1927 Nellie B. Howard, Esther Skoglund and Pauline Maddock

1927-1928 Nellie B. Howard, Vincent Kelsh and Pauline Maddock

1928-1929 Nellie B. Howard, Vincent Kelsh and Gladys Zieman

1929-1932 Don Sprouse, Thelma Haug, & Mrs. Don Sprouse

1932-1933 Don Sprouse, Thelma Haug, & Pauline Maddock

1933-1934 Don Sprouse and Pauline Maddock

1934-1935 Don Sprouse and Pauline Maddock

1935-1936 Don Sprouse, Frances Naylor and Pauline Maddock

1936-1938 H.J. Gernhardt, Gladys Oliason and Evelyn Strain

1938-1939 H. J. Gernhardt, Gladys Oliason, Salome Lemke, and Evelyn Strain

1939-1940 Howard Egan, Hilda Eslinger, Salome Lemke, and Evelyn Strain

1940-1941 Russel Erwin, Wilbur Sheppard, Esther Ravenstein and Clara Nord

1941-1942 Russel Erwin, Esther Ravenstein, Lillian Hillius and Clara Nord

1942-1943 A. H. Ekblad, Esther R. Beck, Inez Cooper and Clara Nord

1943-1944 Aimee Blatchford, Esther R. Beck, Genevieve Vie and Clara Beffert

1944-1945 Aimee Blatchford, Leona Heimke, Esther R. Beck, William P. Bauer, Shirley Bymers and Helen Sprouse

1945-1946 Aimee Blatchford, Esther R. Beck and Grace Reise

1946-1947 Gladys Oliason, William P. Bauer, Arne Nixon and Wilma Schwarting

1947-1948 Ellen Moore, Gladys Oliason, William P. Bauer, Genevieve Vie and Mary Glant

1948-1949 William P. Bauer, Robert Bauer, Kathryn Kane and Sarah Grosshans, Gladys Oliason

1949-1950 Sam J. Schulz, Gladys Oliason, Kathryn Kane, June Hauser and Sarah Grosshans

1950-1951 Gerhardt Schaible, Gladys Oliason, Kathryn Kane, Orpha W. Bertsch and Sarah Grosshans

1951-1952 Gerhardt Schaible, Gladys Oliason, Kathryn Kane, Carrie Murray and Sarah Grosshans

1952-1953 Donald Chelgren, Gladys Oliason, Raymond Fiechtner, Rozella Wallace and Loretta Mintz

1953-1954 Donald Chelgren, Gladys Oliason, Genevieve Vie, Theta Jensen and Ramona Haupt Kunkel

1954-1955 Donald Chelgren, Gladys Oliason, Genevieve Vie, Theta Jensen, Karen Waite and Elizabeth Ann Meyer

1955-1956 Donald Chelgren, Gladys Oliason, Genevieve Vie, Orpha Steinwand, Elaine Stordahl and Barbara Dietz

1956-1957
Gladys Oliason, O.H. Ristuben, LeRoy Staudinger, Orpha Steinwand, Genevieve Vie, Ray Hollan, Barbara Dietz, Roland Waite.

1956-1958 Donald Klinger, Maynard Ketterling, Gladys Oliason, Esther R. Beck, LeRoy Staudinger, Genevieve Vie, Ray Hollan and Isabelle Filbert

1958-1959 Maynard Ketterling, Gladys Oliason, Dale Hvistendahl, LeRoy Staudinger, Genevieve Vie, Ray Hollan, Isabelle Filbert and Esther R. Beck

1959-1960 Maynard Ketterling, Dale Hvistendahl, Gladys Oliason, Ray Hollan, Genevieve Vie, Yvonne Nankivel, Esther Beck, and Isabelle Filbert

1960-1961 Maynard Ketterling, Gladys Oliason, Dale Hvistendahl, Ray Hollan, Genevieve Vie, Mary Jane Schmeiss, Isabelle Filbert and Esther Beck

1961-1962 Maynard Ketterling, Gladys Oliason, Irving Borchert, Ray Hollan, Genevieve Vie

1961-1962 Mary Jane Schmeiss, Isabelle Filbert and Esther Beck

1962-1963 Maynard Ketterling, Irving Borchert, Gladys Oliason, Ray Hollan, Genevieve Vie, Murhel Schlecht Carlson, and Isabelle Filbert

1963-1964 Maynard Ketterling, Irving Borchert, Gladys Oliason, Ray Hollan, Genevieve Vie, Murhel S. Carlson, Isabelle Filbert and Esther Beck

1964-1965 Maynard Ketterling, Irving Borchert, Gladys Oliason, Ray Hollan, Esther Beck, Imogene Arndt Sharon Smutzler, and Isabelle Filbert

1965-1966 Maynard Ketterling, Gladys Oliason, Darrel E. Peterson, Sharon Vie, Esther Beck, Leona Strand Jones, Imogene Arndt, Isabelle Filbert and Don T. Wade

1966-1967 Maynard Ketterling, Gladys Oliason, Milton W. Tunseth, Sharon Vie, Donald Fuehrer, Esther Beck, Shirlee Frojen, Imogene Arndt, Isabelle Filbert, Myrna Wedell, Ruth Larum, Angeline Bosse and Ruth Getty

1967-1968 Maynard Ketterling, Gladys Oliason, Milton W. Tunseth, Sharon Vie, Donald Fuehrer, Shirlee Frojen, Margaret Andersen, Vendela McDonald and Isabelle Filbert

1968-1969 Marlo Byberg, Gladys Oliason, Milton W. Tunseth, Sharon Vie, Donald Fuehrer, Esther Beck, Zona Holte, Vendela MacDonald, Isabelle Filbert, Fern Silvernagel and Myrna Wedell

1969-1970 Esther Beck, Marlo Byberg, Isabelle Filbert, Donald Fuehrer, Vendela MacDonald, Gladys Oliason, Dagmer Schnoor, Fern Silvernagel, Milton W. Tunseth and Sharon Vie

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GUELPH PTA

The Guelph PTA was meeting as early as 1933. The first minutes were kept December 5, 1944 with Mrs. Palmer Vie, president.

The PTA took a very active part in the Guelph School. In the early years the meetings consisted of music and round table discussions. The dues were twenty-five cents per member and the meetings were held in the IOOF Hall.

Many different projects were sponsored by the PTA to raise money. Basket and pie socials were held. The PTA served the first Farm Bureau Meeting in November 1946 and charged 30¢ a plate. March 1947 a fox hunt was held and $23.00 was paid for the fox.

In September 1948 Mrs. Vie gave a talk on serving hot lunches at noon for the school children. Each child was to bring a plate, cup, bowl, and silverware. Each family was to donate a dish towel for the kitchen.

The PTA sponsored the Hot Lunch Program. They bought many of the supplies and equipment for the kitchen. They also bought the groceries and planned the menu's. Mrs. Rollo cooked in the 40's and 10¢ per person was charged. Mrs. Jack Montgomery and Mrs. Ray Brown were cooks in the 50's. Mrs. Mildred Brown started as head cook in 1959 and cooked until 1979. She had several different helpers through the years.

In September of 1951 a motion was made to change the dues to 50¢ per person and in September 1953 it was decided to raise the hot lunch from 10¢ to 15¢.

February of 1953 it was decided to ask a group of members of the Oakes fire department to set up some sort of fire prevention equipment for the school and community.

At the May 1959 meeting, Mr. Ketterling asked for opinions on the possibility of building a new school building. After much discussion a motion was made and seconded that the board go ahead and hire an architect to estimate the cost of the new school building.

In May 1960 Mr. Ketterling had spoken to the State School officials and action had been taken on the building program. In September 1963 Clyde Hauser, Jr. president of the school board reported the school bonding election on September 16, 1963. A rough print of pending school plans was on display. He aslo extended "thank you" on behalf of the school board to all who helped scrub and clean to get the old school back in shape after the fire damages on July 4, 1963.

On October 1963, a motion was made to raise the dues to $1.00 per person.

In April 1964, the chairman of the school board said a bid had been accepted for $136,000, the amount allowed for the new school. In May it was decided to feed the construction crew and charge $1.25 a plate. Mrs. Brown did the cooking.

February 1965, Clyde Hauser, Jr. announced that the school was completed and an open house would be held in March 1965.

Howard Andersen, president of Guelph Whirlaway Square Dance Club, told of their plans to donate a trophy case to the school.

In May 1965 the name PTA was changed to PTO to avoid paying the State and Federal dues that are required of an official PTA.

November 2, 1965 the PTO members were brought to the school by bus. They were served a delicious supper by the cooks in conjunction with promoting the hot lunch program.

February 1967 the PTO favored having an annual athletic banquet, which they sponsored for the remaining school years.

In December 1967 it was decided the PTO put on a play using members of the PTO as the cast. The play was a big success and enjoyed by all who attended as well as the cast. Another play was given in April 1969.

January 1970 the PTO served the Lincoln Day supper and received $300. This was the last big supper the PTO served.

February 23, 1970 an informational meeting concerning the annexing to the Oakes School District was conducted by the school boards.

On April 3, 1970 the final Athletic Banquet of the Guelph School was held. May 1970 the PTO gave the Guelph Garden Club $15.00 for flowers that they will plant and care for on the school grounds.

A discussion was held on changing the present PTO to a Community Club.

November 2, 1971 the meeting of the Guelph PTO met. It was decided to change the name PTO to Guelph Community Club and to keep the money in a savings account. All members were in favor. A board of trustees were elected to be in charge of future meetings.

Hudson - Clyde Hauser, Jr.
Ada - Robert Young
Port Emma - Garth Holmes
Kent - Shirley German
Ludden - Burton Botts

The big project that the PTO helped sponsor was the building of the Guelph gymnasium. This project will be featured in a special article.

Most of the money raised by the PTA was by serving Farm Bureau Banquets, Elevator Banquets, Lincoln Day Banquets, Fox and Rabbit Hunts, Basket and Pie Social, crop planting, plays, serving lunches on election day, auction sales and at basketball games and bake sales. The money was used to buy school equipment and for the hot lunch program.

This is just a brief history of the Guelph PTA. Many people took part to make this organization a success.

In the years to come we can look back with fond memories of the fun and hard work we fhad to help make the Guelph School and Community an important part of our lives.

Work is something that when we have it we wish we didn't, when we don't have it we wish we did; and the object for most of us is to be able to afford not to do any someday.

GUELPH GYMNASIUM

In February 1947 the PTO and Community Club discussed the possibility of building a gymnasium. The project was mentioned again 1948 and 1949. Finally in January 1950 a committee of six were chosen from the Community Club and PTO to work on the gymnasium project. They were Walt Beck chairman, Wallace Maddock, Carl Sandberg, Clyde Hauser, Sr., Frank Hansen and LeRoy Osterloh.

The program consisted of a panel discussion "Why Do We Need A Gymnasium" led by Mrs. Walt Beck, Mrs. Ray Brown and Miss Gladys Oliason.

At the February 6, 1950 PTO meeting, the first money raised for the gymnasium fund was selling cakes total of $8.66.

In February 1954 Mr. Chelgren, Supt. presented a sketched plan for the gymnasium. In March Walt Beck and Carl Sandberg gave a report for the building committee. A 40 x 60 building with 6 foot cement walls at Thompson Yard figures would be $8,130.26.

In the spring of 1954 the PTO discussed a farming project to raise money. Walt Beck, chariman, Frank Hansen, and Palmer Vie were named to this committee. It was voted to put in barley and wheat on the Balensky land, flax on the Hansen land, and oats on the Osterloh land.

John Beck, LeRoy Osterloh and Perry Pederson were appointed to work out assignments for this project. April 24, 1954, was the tentatiave date set for seeding. Net proceeds of the farming amounted to $2,300.

In March of 1955 the PTO decided to farm again only on a larger scale. In April there were 55 outfits that came to work and completed the seeding early in the afternoon on the last Saturday of the month.

September 1955 John Beck gave a report on the financial status of the gym fund. Crop income for 1955 of $3,756.19, carried over $1,470.29, made a total in gymnasium fund of $5,226.48.



Pouring foundation for Guelph gym. Among the workers are Marvin Hansen, John Hill, Robert Young and Clyde Hauser, Jr.



Guelph gymnasium under construction during winter of 55-56.

In early October 1955 the cement work started for the gym. About 50 men worked on the foundation one day. The ladies served dinners and lunches to the men. In November the high school and 8th graders spent Saturday mornings picking corn on the Henry Osterlon farm. This was a project to earn money for equipment for the new gym.

Two weeks after the rafters came a county basketball tournament was held in the gym.

In January 1956 the gym was shingled and in February Mr. Chelgren was appointed chairman of the dedication.



Guelph gymnasium completed 1956.

Many boys, girls and adults have had fun playing in the gym. This is a dream come true, the result of a community working together to accomplish something they really believed in and wanted.

GUELPH BAND

The Guelph Band made its appearance in the Guelph items account "The Band gave their first open air concert Saturday evening and it was greatly enjoyed by a large number of people. They will give a concert every Saturday evening, everyone invited." —**Dickey County Leader**, 6-13-1912

Then "The Guelph Band will give a picnic Thursday, June 20th. There will be races of all kinds, a ball game, a trap shoot and dancing in the evening. Everyone attend and have a good time."

"The band's doing splendid work, several new instruments have been bought and much interest is being shown in hard practice."

Next "The picnic given by the band was a success in every way. The day was ideal and by noon nearly a thousand people had arrived with lunch baskets and ate their dinners in the grove, where chairs and tables had been provided for their comfort. Races of all kinds were indulged in until 2:30 when Guelph and Kentner baseball teams met up the diamond. Guelph winning by a score of 13 to 8. The band played many times during the day and received much praise and cheer. It was a surprise to most of the crowd that we had a band that could hold their own with bands in the larger towns and they were highly praised by many. The boys made a sum of about $80 and thank one and all for their help and patronage."

And now we're ready for the big time. "The Guelph Band had been invited to play at Ellendale on the 4th, a compliment which is highly appreciated."

"About 70 took the Great Northern train from here to Ellendale on the 4th." The big celebration they were all attending was the dedication of Dickey County's new $100,000.00 Courthouse in the presence of 3,000 visitors and citizens of Ellendale. It was a big success—parade, the city band and an important speaker and this: "The Guelph Band, a new organization, was present and gave a selection at the close of the speaking. The boys are making rapid progress and by next year will be one of the best."

They reached the pinnacle of success early or ran out of wind for the accolades like that we expected great band doings to appear the following year, but that band and its directory disappeared mysteriously from any further comments by the Correspondents for years—no names of participants was offered.

We have a short account of an orchestra appearing in 1916. It was under the direction of Maud Root and she received a note of thanks for her cheerful and patient efforts in aiding the IOOF Orchestra and for the grand musical concert rendered by them on Friday evening, March 3, 1916. The orchestra was made up of Charlie Porter, Hank Van Meter, Waldon Waite and W.L. Scott.



1916 Guelph Orchestra.

Orchestra and Band news taken from various editions of the **Oakes Times:**

10-28-1926 A band was organized here Tuesday night. Emil Hokana from near Ludden is the director and Miss Nellie Howard is secretary and treasurer. There are about 20 members who will meet for their first regular practice on the evening of October 29.

2-2-28 First band concert of the season held at the hall on Friday evening. The program was extra good, musical selections by band, interspersed with readings by Mrs. Florence Folsum and Norman Hogana and songs by Sandford Baker and 2 sons of Mr. White. After the program, an overflowing table of beautifully decorated baskets were sold to the high bidder. About $50 was received. Due to inclement weather, the band hasn't been able to practice much and the patrons of the concert were delighted and surprised at the efficiency of the members.

2-6-1930 Even though roads were almost impassable quite a large crowd took in the band program and shadow social. This shows that the people of Guelph and community are proud of their band and are looking forward to the time when Guelph will have one of the best bands in the country.

5-1-1930 A band concert sponsored by the Guelph band will be at the Episcopal Church hall Thursday evening May 8. Lunch will be served after the concert. Let's all go and boost for out band.

5-15-1930 The band concert at the Episcopal Church hall Thursday evening was enjoyed by a large crowd in spite of the bad roads. The net proceeds amounted to $22.05. The boys wish to thank all the people who were so kind and also Rev. Macnamara for helping on the program.



Note the band stand on the left hand side.

5-29-1930 A free band concert will be given in the band stand Saturday, May 31. (This band stand was located where the school bus garage now stands. It was used for several years for band practice and concerts until abandoned. It was later sold to Howard Andersen who converted it into a corn crib in the early 50's)

7-17-1930 A large crowd gathered at the community picnic Friday sponsored by the Guelph band, and enjoyed the day as well as the evening when a large crowd gathered at the dance and had a good time.

10-9-1930 There will be a benefit entertainment and concert by the Guelph band Friday, October 17. Prominent speakers have also been obtained. Tickets can be had at all business places.

7-26-1934 Guelph-Ludden Band will give a concert Friday, July 27 at Ludden hall. J.R. Lewis is the director. Concert is free. Given at Guelph a week later. Local talent numbers will be added to afford variety. A dance will follow the concert. Tickets for the dance will be 25¢ for gentlemen and 10¢ for ladies. The proceeds will be used to purchase a bass drum. It amounted to $35.01 from both concerts and was used to buy a drum.

Last but not least we should mention another band director, Mr. Ed Heis of the Savo or Frederick area who held several sessions with the band and put on a couple of concerts.

The band of the community disbanded in the 30's and was terminated forever, it seems.

In 1957 a Guelph School band was organized under the direction of Ray Hollan. Don Fuehrer followed him as director. A good marching band was developed by this groups which participated in Valley City's Homecoming Parade and Oakes Diamond Jubilee. The band also put on several concerts in they gym and we, parents, stood a little taller and puffed up with pride just like in the olden days when the band of 1912 started.

When the Guelph School district annexed to Oakes our band merged with the Oakes group and our identity as a band was gone.



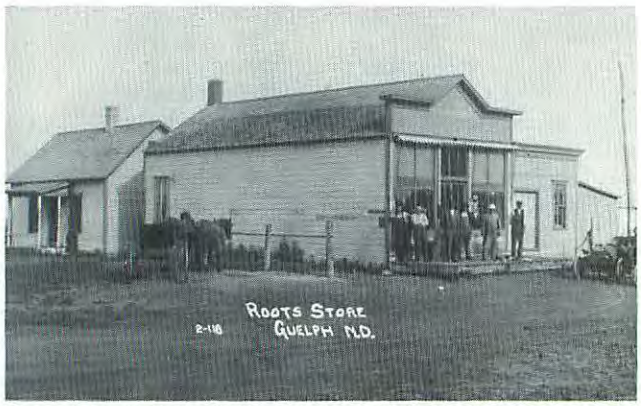
Guelph Marching Band.



First School Band-February 1957

GROVER'S STORE

This store had been built by Silas Dales before 1887 as a general store to meet the needs of the people in this area. By 1906 J. D. Root had acquired the building. The following items taken from the **Oakes Times**, March 1, 1906: "J.D. Root is going to put in a line of goods in the Old Dale's Store. he will have on hand at all times everything from a pen to a threshing machine. If there is anything you don't see, call for it, for he aims to keep a full line of everything."



Roots Store in 1912. J.D. Root 2nd from left. Carl Swanson on right edge.

Mr. Root continued to operate his mercantile business until 1918 when he wanted to dispose of it and go into livestock buying and selling. Since there was no buyer forthcoming a group of local farmers decided to take it over and sell shares. Frank Dennison was appointed as manager and the Guelph Farmers Cooperative was to thrive under his management. The Farmers Co-op directors were: F.A. Dennison, Carl Swanson, George Bliss, H.B. Thomas and Logan Maddock. The capital stock of the corporation was $20,000 divided into 200 shares of $100 each. The following persons became shareholders: Nick Burkhardt, John Hansen, Frank Hill, H. J. Gruhlke, Andrew Stende, Carl Swanson, Logan Maddock, George D. Bliss, Fred Dickey, Jacob Wagner, H. B. Thomas, F.A. Dennison, J. D. Root, Dick Stolle, and Scott Way.



Home town Store-about 1920.

When Grover Howard returned home from service in World War II, he bought out the shareholders and was to operate the store until he failed in health in 1965 a total of 46 years. He had been ably assisted in the store by his sisters, Kathryn and Nettie. He was faithful in serving the public by opening early and closing late. No 8-hour day in his category. Besides selling merchandise he bought cream and eggs and housed the post office in the store for a while. He was a friend of the children and as one woman now grown said, "Grover's store was a baby sitting place when my parents attended lodge." His 75th birthday was observed as Grover Howard Day. Some of his friends moved in with coffee and bars and served all day to those who dropped in to greet him. Each child brought a flower, which was to make up his bouquet for the day. When the first ones arrived and announced what was to take place, he was a bit perturbed, as he never wanted any fuss made over him. Before the day was over, he had changed his mind and seemed happy.



Grover Howard in his store on his 75th birthday.

After his death his sisters carried on for a while, but because of advancing age were not able to take the pace of storekeeping. The building was sold and moved out. With its going went a land mark. The young folk who gathered there after school and the older folk at other times have many fond memories of this store and its manager, Grover Howard and sisters Kathryn and Nettie.

Groceries 1899 Specials

17 lbs. sugar	$1.00
1 lb. finest Tea	.50
1 lb Mocha, Java coffee	.25
10 lbs rolled oats	.25
2 lbs baking powder	.25
1 lb. corn starch	.05
1 lb. Gloss starch	.05
1 lb. Best butter	.12½
12 bars good soap	.25
1 bar Santa Claus soap	.03
1 Gal. cider vinegar	.20
1 gal pure cider	.15
1 gal oil	.15
1 doz. eggs	.15
1 doz clothes pins	.02
13 oranges	.20
2 pkg smoking tobacco	.05
1 lb. Battle Ax tobacco	.30

All these items would weigh in excess of 60 lbs. and the total bill $4.03.

PUFFER'S STORE

Item from the **Ludden Times** dated 11/19/1886: "M.H. Puffer has recently purchased the store owned by J.P. Walker of Port Emma and has moved it to Centralia. A general store will soon be in operation there."



Puffer store built with living quarters about 1911.

Sometime later Mr. Puffer built a new store building with living quarter in the rear. The old store building was moved. According to a news item of 12/1/1910. "An old landmark in Guelph is beign moved. The store occupied by M.H. Puffer in the early days of the town is to occupy ground south of the northwest elevator and be used as a blacksmith shop."

Lorenzo (better known as Lon) continued to operate the store with the help of his father and later sisters, Nellie Schultz and Lottie Puffer until the late thirties.



Lon Puffer and sister Nellie Puffer Schultz in Puffer store.

Grandpa Puffer's slang expression he used occasionally was "by gum." One day a small boy who had a penny to spend had trouble making up his mind how to spend it. After waiting rather impatiently for several minutes, Grandpa in exaspiration said "by gum" which the lad did and hurriedly left the store.

Puffer's store was only a block from the school so many of the students hurried there at recess or noon to buy gum and candy which was probably much against the teachers' wishes times.

C. S. WAITE STORE



C. S. Waite building 1927-28.

Ken Waite bought the original bank building and moved it directly west of the IOOF Hall on Main Street and faced it east. It was 1927 when he began selling groceries. Eventually he dug out a portion under the west end of the store and installed a 32 volt Delco plant. There was also room enough under the store for a pool table, a novelty in Guelph and much appreciated by some of the youth.

Ken dispensed groceries with the assistance of wife, Louise. The 32 volt freezer was working good and many Dixie cups of sherbet, eskimo pies, and popsicles were sold. These were novel and tasty.

When business was lax, Ken would get out the checker board and challenge anyone. He got pretty good at it, as was noted in January 26, 1932: "The annual checker tournament played in the Guelph Confectionery. Four tables were in progress and Clendon Waite carried home the honors again this year." **—Dickey County Leader**

Hard times of the 30's found groceries selling good, but accounts receivable were bad. Ken was farming a little on the side to supplement the income from the store. In 1937, one evening the store caught fire and burned to the ground. It was thought a short circuit in the wiring was responsible.

It was this loss that was to lead to a decision of the Ken Waite's to leave Guelph for "greener pastures" in Michigan.

GUELPH HARDWARE STORE

The hardware store was built for Mr. Frank A. Dennison and was being built at the same time as the IOOF hall in December of 1915. December was a mild one and on December 23 the news items reveals that "The IOOF nearing completion and the Dennison store is nearing completion also and expects to open the first of the year."

Frank must have been faring quite well and was needing to expand by this revelation on March 30, 1916 —"Frank Dennison is building an addition to his hardware store."

Frank was to continue in the hardware business until James Wallace was mustered out of the army of World War I and had returned to this area to seek his fortune. He found the hardware up for sale and decided to buy it.

James or Jim Wallace had previously managed the Port Emma elevator for several years and had lived in Ludden and played baseball on the Ludden team. He had resigned from his elevator job in Minnesota having been transferred from there to the Port Emma elevator just prior to outbreak of the war and was in the process of organizing a baseball team here when he answered the call to fight the 'Huns.'

Jim started managing his hardware in 1919. Later, in the south addition to the hardware store the Jesse-James Coffee Shop was started (see separate article on cafes) and in 1933 the Post Office was moved to the west end of the Wallace hardware.

We have a promotional account in the **Oakes Times** of September 19, 1932 which featured the Guelph Farmers Elevator and the Wallace Hardware Store. We give you the promotional of the hardware store as it appeared then:

"Whether you need a kitchen range or a pound of nails, they are wanted at once and this produces a demand on the hardware man. He must have a complete line of stock and be able in every way to keep pace with the demands of his customers. A prompt service to all who come, whether they want a tack hammer or a stove, has been one of the business policies of this progressive hardware store.

Only the best nationally known brands are carried and back of every article on the shelves of this store are those assurances of satisfaction; the record of the store itself as well as the prominence in standard hardware lines sold here are of a favorable known make.

That Jim's efforts to please the public have met with public approval is evidenced by the growth of the business since it was started.

With the farmers of this section, this store is always a favorite place. So many items of hardware are needed for the farm and most farmers want nothing but the best.

Jim Wallace has succeeded by making service to the public his concern. This policy has been followed not only in business, but through his entire life as well as a public spirited citizen of the community. Patronize your home store. 'It Pays'."

Jim was finally to sell his store to Eino Visto in 1941 as he had accepted employment with the Internal Revenue Service and was moving to Valley City, ND.

Eino continued to use the hardware building for a warehouse for tractor tires, chloride and accessories for a few years but finally had it moved away or torn down and Guelph was without a hardware.

BLACKSMITHS

by Roland Waite

The earliest record of a blacksmith in Guelph comes from Edith Quandt who was born in Guelph in 1897. At that time her, father, Ernest Wahsner, was a blacksmith here. He also smithed in Ludden and Port Emma.

She is not sure of the location of the shop but they lived in the house which is now the residence of the Raymond Burkhardts. This house was formerly a feed mill in Guelph but where it was located in Guelph and who operated it remains a mystery. I've heard it mentioned that Wahsners lived in the area of block 6, lots 7 and 8, better known as the John Schwarting residence. Perhaps this was the location of that mill. It was moved out of Guelph in the winter time as the dry run would have needed to be frozen in solid to support the weight fo this heavy timbered building. My Dad said it was moved by several horse teams to the Charlie Dennison farm, year unknown.

"February 18, 1909, Mr. Nelson of Moorhead has located a blacksmith shop in Guelph and will shortly be ready to do work. It is a long felt want and will be appreciated by the farmers."

Some pieces of the puzzles don't fit as in "September of 1909 J. Essinger has sold his interest in the blacksmith shop to Albert Moore. A month later Matt Essinger from near Carrington reached Guelph Saturday and has bought an interest with his brother in the blacksmith shop. At present they are running the steam plow for Young and Lon Grover."

In early June of 1912 this account appeared. A team of horses belonging to Ed Murray became frightened by the noise of a gasoline engine at the blacksmith shop and ran away. They ran as far as Harry Maddocks, NE¼ 20-130-60 and one horse dropped dead. At this time Harry lived on the old Murray farm.



Blacksmith shop of 1910 had been the store owned by M. H. Puffer which he moved in from Port Emma.



Black smith shop was H. A. Anderson home now moved to Ellendale.

November 29, 1910—The "old store" building or "shop" was moved from it's former location of Front Street about where Weselohs now live to a location south of the northwest elevator. This was to become a blacksmith shop for a time and later was purchased by Hank Anderson and made into his residence by some extensive remodeling. This was the first store building Mr. M. H. Puffer had bought and moved in from Port Emma.



Interior of Blacksmith shop with Clark and Coppock.

John Schwarting had acquired this building and dubbed it a repair shop. In July of 1912, he sold it to Tom Coppock and H. Clark and again it was referred to as the blacksmith shop.

There had to be more than one blacksmith shop in Guelph at this time for an item in the Guelph column says Mr. Way, the blacksmith, returned to his home at Crete on Saturday, November 7, 1912.

After the fall freeze up when the work was caught up the blacksmith shops would be closed for the winters months due to low volume of business. By February 27, 1913, Tom Coppock had returned to take charge of his blacksmith shop. Things weren't going too great or a better offer came up because in October of 1913, Tom Coppock had sold his blacksmith shop back to John Schwarting and left for Wisconsin and Iowa.

John Schwarting stuck it out in his shop until May 6, 1915 when he closed his blacksmith shop and sold the electric light plant to J. D. Root where it would be moved into Root's store building and be operated by Harry M. Young. In June it was reported John had sold his shop and the new blacksmith was expected the following Monday. By October John had bought H. B. Thomas' threshing outfit and was going in the circuit.

In August of 1915 things were really booming as "Scott Way, our smithy is working overtime each day in order to accommodate his numerous patrons." No mention of the other blacksmith arriving.

Scott Way continued to operate his shop until 1921 when the cyclone hit and badly damaged or demolished his shop as it did John Schwarting's. John had resumed his fix-it shop duties until he found a suitable buyer in William Burow who arrived with his family to reside at the Dennison farm ½ mile south of Guelph. The year was 1925 or 1926 and Bill and family remained here until 1932. I recall Mr. Burow as a quiet man with brawny arms and he would come to town every Saturday night dressed in clean chambray shirt and blue denim overalls and would splurge for a White Owl cigar at the cafe. I shall never forget the Saturday night when he offered his services to me, when as a barefoot boy, I was retreating from an older boy's teasing and backed into an ash pile beside the telephone pole by the cafe. A rather large rusty nail became lodged in my heel. Mr. Burow happened along for his cigar and heard me whimpering and saw my distress whereupon he elevated my heel and pulled his pliers from the plier pocket and pulled the nail free. No tetanus shot for this one; only the cleansing of the bleeding as I ran home.

Mr. Burow sold his business to "Mr. Adolph Barke of Kansas who took over the blacksmith shop from Bill Burow and has rented the Kirschner house and moved in."

moved into a dwelling made over from the Perlenfein schoolhouse Ada #4 and lived and 'smithed' in Guelph for several years.

Adolph Barke was the last blacksmith Guelph was to have. Forge welding had given way to arcetylene and welding. Tractors were replacing horses so no more horseshoes need be molded and attached and the limited services for the Guelph community could no longer support a smithy and the Barke family and the village smithy were to leave Guelph for all time.

H. F. Muzzy spent the winter months at Star Prairie, Wis., During this time he shot 10 deer and 4 bear. He returned to the Guelph area in mid-March for preparations to farm his claim. (His claim was west of Guelph where the Muzzy Cut is on the railroad line)

An optimist is wrong as often as a pessimist, but be has much more fun.

GARAGES



Truman Root's Garage 1926. Hugh Norton, M. Waite, Dale Newman, Truman Root, Wm Borow.



Truman Root Garage about 1929. Window sign reads headquarters for radios and supplies.

The blacksmith and repair shops and garages have served as dual purpose facilities so I will just mention some of the names of the proprietors through the ages:

Matt Essinger and Brothers
Myelle Brothers
John Schwarting
Truman Root
Clyde Hauser, Sr.
German Brothers, Frank and Lawrence
Eino Visto

Most of the exploits of these mechanics will be represented in other portions of this book.

GUELPH STATE BANK

Mr. Charlie Porter had built a restaurant facing the west on Main Street. The first inklings of a bank came from the news item in the **Dickey County Leader** dated 9-4-1913. "Mr. J. Wegner of Hecla has purchased the restaurant building and opened a bank for which the Guelph Folks are both thankful and proud. He is assisted by his daughter and son."

On 9-18-1913 was published the organization certificate of First State Bank of Guelph.

"Know all men by these presnet, that we whose names are hereunto subscribed, have this day united ourselves together to form an association for carrying on the business of banking under the laws of the State of North Dakota and have adopted and executed articles of association, in duplicate for that purpose, and have duly forwarded such Articles to the Secretary of State of North Dakota; that we do hereby under our hand make and file the following as our certificate of Organization: First - that the name of said Corporation is the First State Bank of Guelph, ND

Second - The place of business of discount and deposit are to be carried on in the village of Guelph, ND.

Third - The amount of Capital stock and amount into which its shares are to be divided is Ten Thousand ($10,000) one hundred shares at one hundred dollars each.

Fourth - The names and residence of the shareholders and the numbers of shares by each of them are as follows:

Irene Wegener	Hecla, SD	10 shares
Theodore Wegener	Hecla, SD	10 shares
G. D. T. Lane	Aberdeen, SD	1 share
David T. Lane	Hecla, SD	1 share
John Kissinger	Hecla, SD	1 share
J. D. Root	Guelph, ND	1 share
F. J. Courtney	Guelph, ND	1 share
Wm. McCoy	Guelph, ND	1 share
D. T. Cowley	Guelph, ND	1 share
Jos. Wegener	Hecla, SD	72 shares

Fifth - The period at which this corporation shall commence shall be Aug. 25, 1913.

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our seal, each for himself, this day of Aug. 25, A.D. 1913.

After which they all signed and after each signature the seal was affixed.

"On this day of Aug., 1913, before me personally appeared, Jos. Wegener, David T. Lane, J. D. Root, Wm. McCoy, F. J. Courtney, H. J. Newman, and D. T. Cowley, known to me to be the persons who are described in and who executed the foregoing certificate of organization, and they and each of them acknowledged to me that they have executed the same.

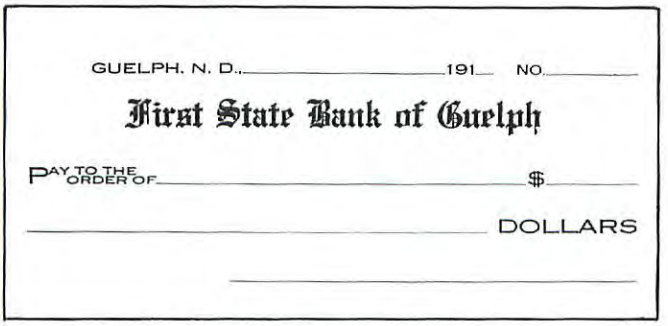
Geo. E. Lane,
Notary Public

My commission expires 4-2-1913.

Dickey County Leader



Ist State Bank of Guelph taken in 1914.


GUELPH, N. D. _____ 191__ NO. _____

First State Bank of Guelph

PAY TO THE ORDER OF _____ $ _____

_____ DOLLARS

First check blank for first bank in Guelph.

#77,828 Report and Condition of First State Bank of Guelph in State of ND at close of business 10-21-1913.

Resoures:

Loans and discounts	$8668.82
Overdrafts secured and unsecured	39.57
Banking house, furnishings and fixtures	2204.15
Current expenses	456.59
Due from other banks	4148.08
Cash	1458.82
	$16,933.03
Capital stock paid in	$10,000.00
Individual deposits	6,793.62
Subject to checking	-----
Demand Certificates of Deposit	50.00
Time Certificates of Deposit	75.00
Liabilities and other interest and exchange	14.41
	$16,933.03

State of N.D. County of Dickey

I, Theodore Wegener, cashier of above named bank do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Theodore Wegener

Correct attest:
Joseph Wegener
I. V. Wegener
Theo. Wegener

G. E. Lane
Notary Public

Dickey County Leader

Everything appeared to be going smoothly when on 11-7-1913 - "Guelph people were terribly shocked Friday night about nine o'clock to receive a telephone message from Hecla that our banker, Mr. Jos. Wegener was dead. Harry Young took Theodore and Irene Wegener to Hecla at once by auto. Mr. Wegener had been up from Hecla during the afternoon to see his son and daughter and complained of not feeling well. He decided to go back and see a doctor. Only a few hours later he was gone. The funeral was held Tuesday from the hall. The family have the heartfelt sympathy of the people of Guelph."

The largest stockholder having exited resulted in the next account: "The bank was sold Monday to the Oakes National Bank, Who will take possession Tuesday. We wish them abundant success."

An interesting follow-up from the **Brown County S.D. Journal** entitled: A Young Bank President.

"We point with pride to our youthful townsman and business associate, who holds the honor of being the youngest bank president in the Northwest, if not in the United States. Born and raised here he is no stranger to any of us and most of us can remember him as a small boy. He is and has been for the past 4 years, assistant cashier of the First National Bank of this city (Hecla) and has made good. Upon the death of Joseph Wegener, late president of the First National Bank of Guelph, ND he was unanimously chosen president of that institution. We cannot but feel that the State of North Dakota is honored in having this distinction thrust upon them, also, the good citizens of Hecla in that they are bound to share the glory. Mr. Kissinger is at present a bachelor, but it does not seem possible that he can remain such, as most of his intimate friends have fallen beneath the smiles of some fair lady and joined the ranks of the benedicts the past summer."

12-11-1913 "Z.P. Muster, cashier of the bank, has resigned his position in the bank. Theodore Wegener is looking after the business for the present."

What followed next is a bit hazy. We suspect the bank was moved to a new building which was located west of H. A. Anderson residence as Hank had sold lot C. of SE¼ of 5-129-60 to the First State Bank.

In the June 10, 1915 **Dickey County Leader** in the Guelph items appeared that "we are to have a new bank under the name of Marshall-McCartney. This will be pleasing news to all" and an Aug. 26th item stated "the Marshall-McCartney bank opened for business on Friday, August 27, 1915. Mr. Scott of Courtney, ND will have charge of the management."

The banking routine had hardly gotten old when this bit of news hit the headline of two county newspapers:

Dickey County Leader - Oct. 26, 1916

ATTEMPTED ROBBERY OF GUELPH BANK
TWO SAFES WRECKED BUT THE ROBBERS SCARED AWAY
APPARENTLY THE WORK OF EXPERIENCED YEGGS - BANK HEAVILY INSURED - NO LOSS

The Oakes Times

YEGGS BLOW SAFE OF GUELPH BANK
BURGLARS TEAR THINGS UP GENERALLY AND FAIL TO SECURE ANY MONEY FOR THEIR EFFORTS.
LOSS COVERED BY INSURANCE.

I will attempt to weave the two slightly different stories into one account:

The citizens of the peaceful town of Guelph had a touch of the real city life Monday night.

When Cashier Scott of the Guelph State Bank went to open for business Tuesday morning he found there had been intruders during the night. The money safe and the book safe had both been blown open and things scattered around in rather promiscuous fashion. After careful scrutiny, however, it was found the bank was out just one revolver, as the yeggs failed to get into the strongbox and the $1,900 was left intact. A shotgun owned by one of the bank employees was found loaded and cocked, in the stock yards, which was just across the road from the bank. It is supposed that the gun was taken from the bank by one of the crooks who

was assigned to sentry duty and took up his station in the yards to see that the workers were not disturbed by the untimely appearance of someone who might interfere with their nefarious scheme. A cup of nitroglycerine was found on the floor and seemingly indicated that the burglars were frightened and left rather hastily. Heavy bars were taken from the section house to wrench the bank door open and were left in the building. The First National Bank of Oakes was notified of the attempted robbery Tuesday morning and Cashier Bunday went down in the forenoon. Vice President McCartney returned from Aberdeen in the afternoon and he also made a trip to Guelph.



Scene of robbery.

Mr. McCartney said the heavy safe door was thrown against the hard coal burner and as luck would have it, the live coals fell on the heavy plate of the door and saved the building from fire. Had the building been burned, the bank books no doubt would have gone up in smoke, as that safe was badly wrecked.

The bank carries heavy insurance - both burglar and fire - and there is no loss - except the inconvenience of getting in more safes. It is good advertisement for the institution that their safe will hold money even after it has been blown up.

The only real thrill next morning when Cashier Bunday of Oakes tried to get rid of the "dope" that was left. It is reported he carried it on a seventeen foot pole and deposited it in a field somewhere outside the village, there to be absorbed by Mother Earth.

The attempted robbery appeared to be the work of experts. Suspicions point to two strangers who have been about Guelph the past five days.

No one was apprehended as there was no loss of funds, the case was closed.

It is not known whether the bank robbery or the good business the bank was doing prompted the building of a new modern brick and tile facility just north of the railroad track on Block 1 - lots 1 and 2 or H.F. Johnson's addition. The lots had been purchased by 1917 and in July, 1918 the new Guelph State Bank was in operation.

The building was 26 ft. wide and 40 ft. long, with a heavy concrete vault in the southwest corner with entrance to the vault through a heavy steel walk-in door. The business office of the cashier was in the northwest corner. An L shaped counter extended from the south wall to the west wall and 3 teller windows equally spaced in the counterline provided service area for the customers.

The outside of the building was faced on the east and north sides with ornamental brick and accented with sandstone ledges at the base of the brick columns and along the roofline. It was a great addition to Guelph and the only all brick structure to have been built here

Best of all for the young people was the addition of about 100 ft. of nice wide sidewalk extending toward Guelph's business district. As Glen Schwarting recalls, "It was the only decent sidewalk in Guelph to roller skate on!"

If you were doing business in the Guelph State Bank you were likely to be greeted by Winnie Norton who had taken the job as teller in the old building and was now in the new one. She resigned in 1919 with the advent of son Hugh about to make his arrival into the world.



Brick bank building of 1918.

In the meantime, Willard Scott, in addition to his cashier duties, was carrying on a courtship with one of Jake Wagner's daughters and in the Guelph news of the week we found this account on July 27, 1917- "Willard Scott and Miss Ruth Wagner were quietly married in Aberdeen and left for their honeymoon in Indiana where they visited Mr. Scott's parents and had two weeks outing at the lakes. Upon their return to Guelph they commenced housekeeping in the Charley Porter residence."

Willard Scott went back to his duties and with Winnie having resigned, she was replaced by Mary Waite Wallace. She was teller until 1921 and resigned to be replaced by Nettie Howard.

All went well without any changes in personnel until 1928, Willard Scott, in seeking to further his ambition elsewhere, resigned his position here. Mr. J. D. Root was then named as cashier.

Among J. D.'s first official acts was to have a celebration:

The Guelph State Bank was the scene of a remarkably fine display in honor of the 13th birthday of the institution. The exhibit was planned and carried out by Mrs. Folsum of Ludden, ably aided by J. D. Root, cashier of the bank and his assistant, Miss Nettie Howard. The display consisted of many posters of pertinent importance. Two among the number deserve special mention as they were made to indicate the gradual progress of the precinct and the new inventions of work and pleasure that have come into general use since Guelph became a town in the 80's. On the table were displayed interesting curios and souveniers of the Civil War and Chicago fire of long ago.

A book published in 1744 was a curiosity; Also an old oil lamp that had been in use long before kerosene lamps.

(**Oakes Times** 6-12-1928)

"The Guelph State Bank was closed Saturday night, and that thriving town is now like many other much larger towns - Bankless. The closing in this case, however, was not tragic as is usually the case, since the depositors lost nothing. The Guelph State Bank was a Marshall-McCartney institution, and because conditions were not felt to warrant the added expenses of maintaining the bank at Guelph, when the books were closed Saturday for the January business, they were taken to the company's bank at Oakes, the First National, and the affairs of the Guelph bank are now being cared for there."

Miss Nettie Howard, the assistant cashier of the Guelph State is remaining in Oakes, and the books will be maintained separately for a time, until it is convenient to transfer the entire business to the First National Bank of Oakes.

The bank was capitalized at $10,000.00 with a reserve of $5,000.00 and deposits approximately $60,000.00 at the end of January.

Mr. Root said this week that he expects to return to an active interest in livestock buying and shipping and farm insurance at Guelph, a business which he largely abandoned to enter the bank.

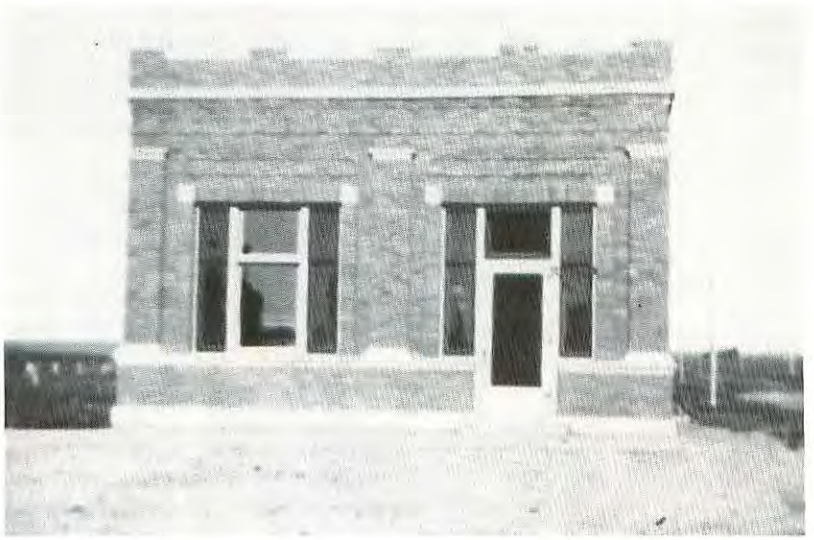
Miss Howard's plans are not known at this time."

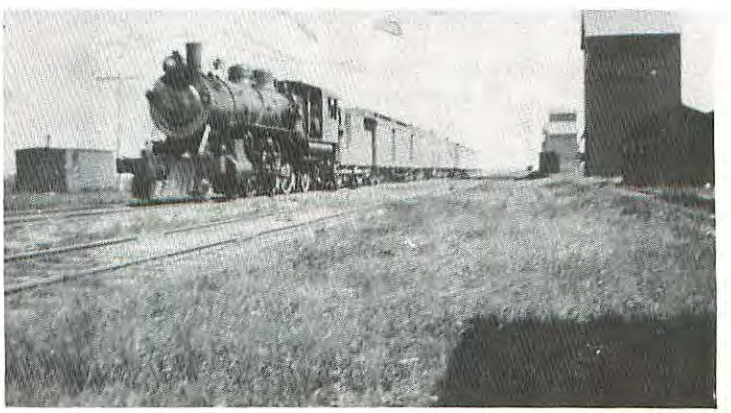
Dickey County Leader, January 1933

The building was vacant at times and for about two years, the post office and residence of the S.H. Jensen's. In 1948 the Guelph IOOF Lodge bought the building from Fred McCartney. It was used for their lodge meetings and other Guelph functions until about 1975. The 4-H club used it briefly before it was severely damaged in the tornado in Aug., 1977.

The safes were dispensed with earlier. The book safe was sold to the Guelph Farmers Elevator and May 27, 1932 the time safe was sold to Dickey County where it resides in the County Treasurers office. It is still operational at this writing, but the clocks are badly worn and it is feared they will soon get out of synchronization and fail to open at the appointed time.

Most of the bricks of the bank have been disposed of by Larry Weseloh, who acquired the wrecked remains at auction.





Great Northern in Guelph about 1922

RAILROADS IN GUELPH

by Jim Beck, R. Waite, and Marvin Hansen

"We are now joined to the outside world by iron bands. The Manitoba rails have been laid to Guelph."
May 13, 1887, **Ludden Times**

Since its founding in 1883, residents of this aspiring frontier town had dreamed, planned and worked toward the day that their community would be served by a railroad.

It is no wonder that the October 1, 1886, edition of the **Ludden Times** reported:

"THATCHERVILLE JUBILANT
STATIONS ON THE MANITOBA LOCATED

Mr. Morrison, right-of-way agent for the Manitoba, arrived from the east this morning and closed the bargain for side track room and depot grounds on Mr. Boyce's claim one mile north of Ludden and with Truman Thatcher six miles west. This settles the location of the town on the Manitoba line in as favorable a manner as could be asked. The people of Thatcherville are feeling jubilant over their success and a good little town may be expected at this point."

Railroads brought prosperity and convenience. But even more importantly, the presence of a railroad often determined which towns flourished. So it was of no small consequence that the Manitoba had chosen a route that would take it through Guelph, and incidentally, directly over Truman Thatcher's well—the best one in town.

When the steel rails of James J. Hill's St. Paul, Minneapolis and Manitoba Railroad reached Guelph, they did so in a decade that witnessed the most rapid railroad expansion in American history. More than 7,000 miles of railroad was built a year from 1870 to 1880.

By the turn of the century, Hill's railroad empire, of which Guelph was now a part, would stretch from the Midwest to the Pacific Coast and would serve hundreds of communities along its vast network of rail lines.

Hill began building this railroad with the purchase of the financially troubled St. Paul and Pacific Railroad in 1887. Although he renamed it the St. Paul, Minneapolis and Manitoba, it was generally called the Manitoba. Throughout the 1880's and early 1890's, he expanded through the Dakotas. Finally in 1893 his lines reached Puget Sound. In 1890, the name was changed to Great Northern Railway. And on March 2, 1970, the Great Northern, the Northern Pacific, the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy, and the Pacific Coast Railroads were formally merged to form the Burlington Northern Railroad Company—the country's largest railroad.

In the years leading up to the construction of the Manitoba through Guelph, speculation about railroads—not to mention speculation in railroad stocks and schemes—was serious and intense. And usually there was much to speculate about. Railroad survey teams crossed the territory scouting routes for future lines. Territorial and municipal governments actively sought to attract railroads. And investors planned lines that would later (they hoped) be sold to major railroads or (if need be) operated (profitably, preferably) as a private business. The Dakota Midland was one such line.

In 1883, a company of Ellendale investors was organized by W. H. Becker to promote a railroad between Ellendale and Wahpeton. Although never built, the Dakota Midland kept the railroad dream alive for a number of years during which right-of-way was acquired, a government charter obtained, grading begun, and a number of towns, including Hudson, platted.

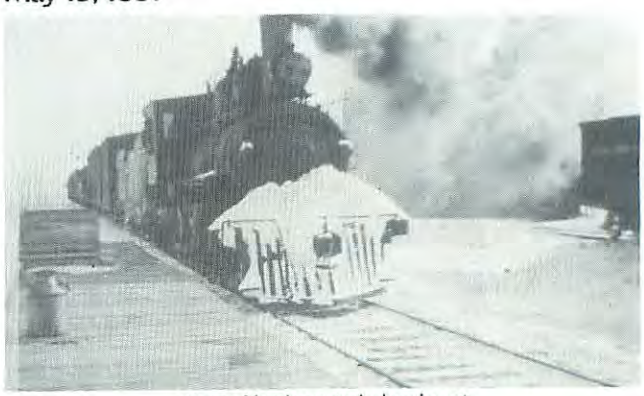
By the summer of 1886, the prospect of a railroad through Guelph seemed certain, and the "Guelph Grist" column from the **Ludden Times** reflected the excitement:

"The citizens of this place were considerably surprised when Saturday last the Manitoba surveying company was discovered pitched on the townsite of old Ludden and the surveryors at work a short distance Northwest of this place. It seems that after surveying the line into Hudson they returned dissatisfied with the north pass to try one farther south. This they pronounced to be much better and have established a line to the hills. From there three lines have been run to the river, the last one and the one which they are now working crosses the river a few rods north of the town line, crossing the Northwestern track about half a mile north of the Company's; land. The latest reports locate the surveyors in the vicinity of Thatcherville (Guelph) and heading directly for Ellendale." August 27, 1886

"Reliable information comes to us that the Manitoba will lay iron to this place this Fall." (not true) November 19, 1886

"The work of laying rails on the Manitoba continues. Already the work of bridging the river has begun. The iron is two miles east of here. Work will probably stop at Ellendale for the season." May 6, 1887

"We are now joined to the outside world by iron bands. The Manitoba rails have been laid to Guelph." May 13, 1887



Great Northern train by depot.

And so it was that 18 years to the day after the golden spike had been driven at Promontory, Utah—May 10, 1869—to link the first transcontinental railroad, Guelph, too, had cause to celebrate.

While construction continued to the branchline's terminus in Ellendale, the Manitoba moved quickly to put its new line into service, as per the following **Ludden Times** quotations:

"Mr. Sinclair of near Madison, Wisconsin, arrived to

operate the telegraph at this place." May 20, 1887

"Superintendent J. W. Egan stopped on his way to look at our operation. He promised to have a depot erected soon." May 20, 1887

"A colony of 50 families will soon be at Guelph to hunt for cheap land." June 17, 1887

"The Manitoba Railway is getting the line ready for business. An express office was opened on the 8th." June 17, 1887

The arrival of the Manitoba literally and figuratively put Guelph on the map. And for the community, it quickly became the commercial and social center with every development chronicled in area newspapers.

"The lumber for the depot has arrived and the material for the water tank has been taken back to Riverdale, but the James River Bridge seems to be its ultimate destination." July 1, 1887 **Ashville Antics**

"A dance will be given in the new depot building on Wednesday evening, September 28. Invitations were sent to all the young people of Ellendale to attend as well as the old folks. All are cordially invited says our informant." Sept. 23, 1887 **Dickey County Leader**

"The dance at the new depot was a very successful one with local residents as well as those from Ellendale and Ludden well represented." October 7, 1887 **Dickey County Leader**

While Guelph was fortunate, the Manitoba disappointed neighboring Ludden. To their dismay, residents learned that the Manitoba would be built one and one-half miles north of Ludden. This news provoked a mass meeting in April, 1887, to discuss the best method of inducing the Manitoba to change course. Ludden unsuccessfully offered to donate $500 in labor on the grade and at least an equal portion of freight if a depot were built in the town and all regular trains operated on that line.

But it wasn't to be. The Chicago & Northwestern did, however build a line through Ludden.

In the two short decades following the Civil War, the area of North America west of the Mississippi River became a gigantic wheat factory. A combination of good harvest and economical transportation to and from eastern markets and suppliers allowed both the railroads and communities to prosper.

But as the decade drew to a close, the old enemies—insects and weather—returned to the plains with a vengeance that dampened the enthusiasm brought by the railroads and the years of bountiful harvests.

In 1886 chinch bugs so devastated the crops that farmers doubted there would be seed for Spring planting. But because the prosperity of the Manitoba was so closely linked to the communities it served, it was not surprising that the Manitoba intervened.

"The last crop was sufficient for seed for the coming year. The reason the railroad furnished this section with seed last year was because we had no grain and no money with which to buy and by doing so placed them on their feet so that his year they might be able to help themselves." December 16, 1887 **Dickey County Leader**

And again in 1893 the Manitoba offered free transportation of seed into the Guelph area to ensure a crop that Fall.

In addition to these emergency actions, the Manitoba and its founder, James J. Hill, became increasingly committed and involved in long-range programs to increase the productivity of the communities his railroad served. To upgrade cattle herds, Hill imported superior breeding stock and distributed bulls. Farmers who accepted a bull, cared for it, and loaned it to neighbors ($1 per service call) would own it after three years. Similiar programs were introduced to boost sheep and hog production.

Just as the late 1880's were hard times for the settlers, so were they difficult for railroads. Winter meted out its worst during the first year that the Manitoba served Guelph—1887.



Train with snow plow.

"The Manitoba train left at 5:45 p.m. (Friday) and became stuck in the snow at Muzzy's Cut this side of Guelph station; where it remained until Thursday morning. Residents of that vicinity turned out en masse and assisted in shoveling the track clear allowng the train to get back to Ellendale. It will now remain until a snow plow is sent out to clear the road." December 23, 1887 **Dickey County Leader**

"The Manitoba is still closed. The Compnay has labored incessantly to open it with two plows. Two engines working from the east reached a point 2 miles west of Guelph when one engine broke down and had to run to Breckenridge for repairs. The snow is 15 to 20 feet deep between Silverleaf and Guelph." December 30, 1887 **Dickey County Leader**

"Strenuous efforts to force snow plows thru drifts with 50 men and 2 engines pelting away." January 13, 1888 **Dickey County Leader**

"Has the Manitoba office decided not to open the line this winter? Looks that way. Some Ellendale merchants having goods left at Guelph by the Manitoba train sent teams out to Guelph the fore part of the week

to haul the goods back to Ellendale." January 27, 1888 **Dickey County Leader**

"The Manitoba is open and the train arrives from Rutland each day the first regular putting in an appearance Wednesday morning. A sigh of relief from all those who won oysters." February 24, 1888 **Dickey County Leader**

Instead of the hoped for prosperity, the 1890's proved as difficult and disappointing as the closing years of the preceding decade. Severe winter weather and disastrous harvests shattered the dreams of easy fortunes on the plains, and further underscored the ties between the Great Northern and the community of Guelph.

During the 1890's the Great Northern continued to help Guelph residents by shipping in corn (at no charge) and on one occasion brought in two carloads of secondhand clothing for distribution.

The winter of 1896-97 was so severe—even by Dakota standards—that seven blizzards shut down the rail line for several months. Many towns were without mail for weeks. The mail that did get through did so by horseback.

From the beginning, Hill took a personal interest in the construction and operation of this railroad. This won him such respect that the **Oakes Republican** noted:

"The **great** James Hill, general superintendent of the Great Northern Company, spent Tuesday in a private car in Riverdale. The Commercial House Bus of Ludden met him and his secretary and brought them down to take the Northwestern." January 24, 1898

The existence of the railroad not only opened lines of commerce and communications, but it provided employment.

Many of the early settlers, whose names are familiar, worked at various times for the railroad. These included: Fred Kingsley, Frank Dennison, Billy Norton, Hans Hove, Julius Robie, and Alva Burley.

Many more worked as needed during the winter months to open the railroad or in the fall to prevent fires when the weed burner came through.



Weed burner in 1926.

Through the years, the railroad itself brought employees to Guelph as agents and sectionmen. These families often held their positions for long periods and made long term commitments and contributions to the community.

Agents assigned to Guelph included: Arthur Olson, _____Barnes, Pete Connoughton, and Ralph Schroeder.

Traffic over the Guelph line was never very heavy, usually one passenger train daily except on Sunday until 1959, and one freight train three days per week for a period of time. Nevertheless, even this schedule caused occasional problems. Local papers frequently recounted such incidents as these:

"John Jones came near being run over by the Great Northern Wed. evening. There were no headlights, and he did not hear the train until it was upon him." December 24, 1908

"In the storm Friday morning the Great Northern killed a horse for Frank Courtney. A good comfortable place for horses this winter is in the barn or shed at home . . ." December 16, 1909

"Saturday evening the Great Northern ran into a livery team from Oakes which was near Newton. Both horses were killed and the cutter was demolished, but the driver was uninjured." February 3, 1910

"Rudolph Rabe and Mac McGivern had a head on collision with their gasoline hand cars Sat. nite on the grade east of the Baker Crossing. Both cars were thrown into the ditch and the men all hurt. Neither one had lights, so did not see or hear each other." October 30, 1913

The early 1900's were a period in which shoes could be repaired for 50¢, but a trip to the Twin Cities from Guelph would cost $6.25—much better, one paper noted, than an earlier $8 fare.

So closely was the community attuned to the railroad that even the traffic handled by the Great Northern warranted comment in local papers:

"Monday the Great Northern brought in 2 carloads of stone for the State line markers. These are of red sandstone about 12 inches square and seven feet long. They will be placed every half mile on the line between No. and So. Dak. 3½ feet in the ground, the U.S. paying the expense." November 12, 1891

"The Great Northern train Tuesday a.m. resembled a big circus train as it moved through Guelph with 7 flatcars containing 7 of those Rumley threshers for Walkers at Ellendale. All had been sold to area farmers who had previously bought their engines for plow work." June 24, 1909

By the 1950's and 1960's, attitudes toward the railroad began to change. The question asked was no longer "When will the railroad be built?", but "Will this line be abandoned?"

Anticipating its eventual closing, teachers at the Guelph Methodist Sunday School arranged for their children to take a "last" train ride. So, on the appointed morning in 1956 the Sunday School trekked to the Guelph depot. While the children clambered aboard, the Ellendale-bound train, parents raced ahead in their automobiles to retrieve them.

But, as Mark Twain once observed, "News of my death is greatly exaggerated."

Talk of closing the Guelph line continued for many years, but it wasn't until _____ that the line was formally abandoned.*

*(You may fill in the date of abandonment later. As we go to press, the date has not been revealed to us.)



Great Northern Railroad bridge over James R. north of Ludden about 1910. Notice water tower in background.

By that time it didn't matter much. The car, the truck, and the airplane had made this part of the railroad unnecessary to the community and unprofitable to the railroad.

The jubilation that had greeted the Manitoba's approach in 1886 has gone. And when the last train leaves the Guelph Farmers Elevator for the last time with the last carload of grain, residents can bid farewell to the "Galloping Goose" as it has been disparagingly called for many years.

And thus ends an era.

THE DEPOT



Guelph in 1916 with the depot in foreground.

The depot was constructed between July of 1887 and the grand opening of October 7, 1887, which was celebrated by a dance which was reported as "A very successful one with local residents as well as those from Ellendale and Ludden well represented."

The depot had 3 rooms on the main floor. On the west was the freight room where the groceries and fruit were stored awaiting the grocer or his drayman. The middle room was the agents office. His telegraph counter was in the windown area and over in the opposite corner was this large glass jar of water with blue vitriol pepples (copper sulphates) covering the bottom. With the proper electrodes this became a large storage battery to furnish current for the operation of the telegraph. There was also an exit and door to the stairway.

The waiting room on the east was a refuge for travelers and until 1958 a haven for the mail messenger and the sacks of incoming or outgoing mail especially in inclement weather.

I have only records of two families having lived in the upper floor of the depot. The first was Joe and Mary Plaziak and the second who came later was, "A new section foreman to succeed Mr. Peterson who expects to move to Minnesota; Mr. McGivern and family have moved into the depot for the winter."

Mr. Richard (Mac) and Mrs. Ellen McGivern had four children when they arrived, Frank, Richard, James and Ellen. The date was 9-9-1909.

"Mac" McGivern was to maintain his division from 1 mile east of Guelph to Silverleaf for many years, setting ties and snow fences, etc. Soon the family had increased by three: Mary, Lawrence and Kathleen. The depot quarters became a little crowded so the older boys found sleeping quarters in the section house (a work car and bunk car) which sat west of the stock yards about ½ way to switch on the south of the siding.

The McGiverns were to make many trips up and down those stairs, carrying water for drinking and washing the laundry and other chores as well as the treks to the "Comfort station."

Steps can be treacherous and in 11-6-1913 it was stated "Little Mary McGivern fell down stairs and broke her collar bone. She was taken to the Doctor in Ellendale and is now getting along nicely."

There was a shortage of agents in the early days and Guelph did not always have a depot agent. As a result such an incident as reported in 8-12-1909 was likely to happen. "John Hansen, a young man from Wisconsin, had his trunk broken into and most of his clothing taken, also a bankbook showing a $25.00 deposit. His trunk was in the Great Northern depot and having no agent or anyone in charge it was not noticed for several days."

It is reported that at one time Mrs. Plaziak and Nellie Puffer Schultz had been hired at different times, in sort of a custodial capacity, when an agent vacany occurred. According to records Nellie Schultz was in charge in 1901 and 1902.

The first record of a permanent depot agent noted was of A. P. (Arthur) Olson who was hired in 1915. Arthur found some complaints from his waiting room guests about the drafty waiting room and he responded by "having 2 new doors installed in the waiting room. With the old ones it was almost impossible to keep warm."

The old pot bellied stove that heated the waiting room in later years was to help warm the back sides of the basketball players who found the waiting room to be their dressing room for the games at Puffers hall. The hall was too small for dressing rooms or a regulation basketball floor for that matter and it was dubbed "Cracker box" by most of the opposing teams.

Although there were 3 or 4 cream buyers in Guelph

at one time some of the farmers shipped their cream to the Twin Cities in 5, 8, or 10 gallon cans. It was common practice to bring the tagged can to town and set it in the waiting room and then seek out and pick up your empty cans from a previous shipment. The cans could be inside or outside depending on the season and were identifiable by the color or shape of the tag. Some farmers used their own methods of marking cream cans, be it brass nameplate or a splash of paint. There usually weren't more than a dozen cans at any time to identify from, so no problem.

The telegraph would usually be clicking away any time one visited the depot. The agent could tell you from the traffic on the wire if the train was on time or where it was if not. A person could send or receive a telegram. These were usually 10 words in length and of emergency nature and became associated with death of a relative. At this time in history it was also the cheapest and quickest way of sending a message.

A.P. Olson and P.J. Connaughton were both telegraphers and occupied our spot in history longer than any of the others as is revealed in this item of 1956. "P. J. Connaughton returned from Ellendale after a stay of several days at Memorial hospital. He is retiring as agent of the Great Northern, and a stay at Guelph of nearly 16 years. Only one agent in the past had a longer stay at Guelph. A. P. Olson, who was here about 20 years before taking a place near Huron, S.D."



Arthur Olson in front of depot-1917.



Guelph depot about ready to be moved.

Pete was replaced by Ralph Schroeder who was our resident agent until this station was closed about 1961.

The Guelph Farmers Elevator then leased the depot for a warehouse until 1968 when the Great Northern put it up on bids with provisions it be moved off of their right of way. It was bought and moved in 1969 to its present location on lots 1 and 2, Block 13, Centralia. It is currently being used for feed storage, stock salt and water softener salt.

PROGRESS REPORT OF THE GUELPH ELEVATOR

by Roland Waite, Secretary

I have only very sketchy information on the first elevator at this townsite. It's builder, location and ownership or any information thereof are unobtainable to me.

Wherever its location, it was not trackside; therefore when the tracks were laid and rumors of a new elevator to be built here, it became M. H. Puffer's barn and was located west of the swing set on the school grounds.

Information in 1887 without a town newspaper is very sketchy. Therefore, the source of early activities on the new elevator to be built here came from the store ledger of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Puffer who operated a small general merchandise store.

The rails had been laid past this station by the Spring of 1887 and the North West Elevator Company was close behind in erecting elevators at the new townsite.

As there was no restaurant here, Mrs. Puffer was engaged to do the cooking for the various crews which began grading with 1 or 2 men and 4 horses. I find an entry of 4 meals, $1.00. In another entry it's man and team $.35, so I would assume the horse was boarded for 10¢.

Next came the unloading crew and by July the foundation crew. At times there were from 2 to 24 men working on the various stages of construction.

By the middle of August, quite a few meals had been consumed plus a few entries for supplies—2 pails of kerosene, some bolts and a broom, total price of supplies $1.25. Work was being rushed to get the elevator completed in time for the harvest.

By early October, the elevator was nearing completion and the finish carpenter was in the ledger for: 2pairs of men's red drawers @$1.25 each; one pair overshoes @$1.25 and on December 5th it was cold enough for a 75¢ pair of mittens and 1 pair of cashmere pants for $3.85. The **Dickey County Leader** item stated that the elevators at both Guelph and Silverleaf were doing a heavy wheat business by October 14, 1887. The first elevator agent is not known but it could have been Silas R. Dales, as in the **Leader** item of March 30, 1888,

he was referred to as general Postmaster, generous grain buyer and lumber merchant of Guelph. In the blizzard of 1888 it said Silas R. Dales went to the top of his elevator and from the cupola he could see above the storm to the cupola of the elevator at Oakes.

The following account of the operation of North Western elevator in the early years comes from recollections of Everett Courtney who lived in Guelph as a boy. "The long endless belt with the dip cups bolted to the belt extended from the bottom of the grain pit to the top of the elevator where the grain was dumped into distributor tubes which led to the different bins for each kind of grain elevated. The belt was driven by horse power (one horse) by a sweep through a cog arrangement which turned a drive shaft that ran from the lean-to on the east side of the elevator to the belt pulley. This pulley drove the endless belt cups which delivered the grain to the top."

The horses were changed as often as necessary to always keep one fresh enough to insure the belt lift would keep turning. During threshing time the sweep ran long hours. The horses never left the barn lean-to, for they were housed, watered and fed there.

When the pit emptied all the elevator man had to do was holler "whoa." When the horse went too slow or seemed lazy, there was a pole with a nail in it which turned with the sweep high enough to be over the rump of the horse. When the elevator man said "Getty up" and pulled the rope which raised the upper end of the pole, the lower end with the nail promptly descended on the horses' rump. Which encouraged him to "get down to business" without further need of a driver.

There was no driveway through the elevator in that era. The farmers hauled their grain mostly in double box wagons which they had to unload with a bail scoop or a scoop shovel through a couple of windows, one on each side of the southside of the elevator. The windows were high enough up to clear two hopper bottom boxes inside. The boxes rolled on four trolley type wheels on miniature railroad type rails. These rails extended the length of the elevator inside and straddled the pit. When the hoppers were wheeled over the pit, the slide in the hopper bottom was opened and the grain released to the pit.

Then the elevator man directed the spout to the proper bin and said, "Getty up" to the horse and they were 'in business.'

One day a small boy, perhaps 3 or 4 years old followed his Dad into the elevator and promptly fell into the almost empty pit. The elevator man happened to see it and hollered "Whoa" to the horse which stopped the belt cups. He then took his long handled broom and lowered it into the pit for the boy to grab hold of and pulled him out. The broom was usually used to push the last few kernels out of the pit so they would not mix with another variety of grain. The elevator was probably off limits to small boys after that.

Lewis Osher, who later farmed northwest of Hecla, could have been the elevator man.

In October 10, 1910, the item states "the Northwest Elevator opened for the coming year with C. Ward of Ellendale in charge. Mr. Ward has been for a long time with the company and is well known in this vicinity".

The Northwest Elevator had a telephone connected to central at this time, also, and was wired for electricity in 1915.

I find no record of when the Monarch Company bought out the Northwestern or of all the managers. Mr. H. A. Anderson was agent in 1915 and I believe managed it until sold to the Guelph Farmers.

The second or east elevator's beginnings were first noted in the **Dickey County Leader** in July 22, 1909 in the item: "The Great Western have ground located and expect to erect an elevator east of the Great Northern station. By the middle of August the lumber for the new elevator was on the ground and the Great Western expects to have it completed in time for "shipping". A progress report on August 26, 1909 stated, "the new elevator is being rushed along and it expected to be able to take in new wheat in a week or ten days."



About 1912.

In a diary of events by Winnie Norton on the 50th Anniversary Celebration of Guelph Farmers Elevator, she wrote that Gertrude Puffer, daughter of Nellie and Myron H. Puffer, cooked for the building crew and carpenters in a tent that was located in the vicinity of where the elevator manager's house now stands.

On an early September day it was stated that "little Clifford Peterson had the honor of being the first to ascend to the top of the new elevator. He was playing around. When the foreman's head was turned, he stepped on and tripped the man-lift and shot up like a rocket to the top, a distance of 75 feet or more. When Mr. Ziberman reached the top and found him unharmed but rubbing his eyes, he said 'I don't like it up here'."

In the same September 9, 1909 Guelph items it stated "the Minnesota Western Elevator opened for buying grain Tuesday with Mr. Hagen, the buyer. It will be some few days yet before it is finished but it is a great addition to our town." At the same time, the Northwest elevator was doing a rushing business on Thursday, having taken in 8100 bushels of grain.

A week later, the Minnesota Elevator Company had bought an acre of land from Harry Newman for $125.00 and intentions were to build a house for their grain buyer. On October 21st, the new resident was near completion and Mrs. Hagen was expected any day.

Competition with the northwestern elevator must have been rough, for the Guelph item of October 10,

1911 stated that the new elevator is to be closed the coming year and Mr. Hagen and family will be missed by a host of friends they have made in the past year and by the active part they have taken in literary and social affairs and everything for the improvement of the town.

In July 1912, Mr. Russel Hardin had purchased the Minnesota and Western Elevator and was to have it in readiness for the grain that fall. He expects to move his family here and they will be heartily welcomed into our circle. In the first part of August, Russ Hardin put new scales in the elevator, 1100 lbs. of twine had arrived by Thursday but not near enough to bind the banner crop around Guelph.

On Oct. 3, 1912, the Russ Hardins were located comfortably in the C. A. Newman resident.

Just when it appeared things were going great for Hardin's, I find in Oct. 28, 1913 that the Marshall-McCartney Company of Oakes has bought the Hardin elevator and Mr. Rob Smith will be the agent.

And on July 17, 1913, the farmers had a meeting here in the hall for the purpose of organizing a farmers elevator. It wasn't until August of 1915 that the following appeared:

Guelph Farmers Organize

The Guelph Farmers Elevator, an independent Coop Union of the farmers of Guelph territory was formed at a meeting at Guelph last Saturday evening. At that time there were thirty-two members. It is thought that 15 or 20 more will be enrolled before the next meeting which is to be held next Saturday. After the charter is received, the company will probably purchase one of the elevators now located in Guelph.

Sylvanus Waite was chosen President and H. J. Newman, vice president. George D. Bliss elected Secretary-Treasurer and these men, together with Logan Maddock and Mads Pederson, composed the board of directors.

Sylvanus Waite and George Bliss had canvassed the area selling stock for $30.00 a share. Mary Waite Wallace recalls that she acted as chauffeur when her father or Mr. Bliss went out in a 1914 Model T Ford to solicit for the original stock sale.

The Marshall-McCartney elevator was purchased for approximately $5000, at least that is what it was insured for. The first minutes of the new company revealed they were hiring W. L. Dean as grain buyer for $100 per month and were signing a contract to do business with McCarthy Bros. commission firm for 70% of the grain shipments and operating capital would be borrowed from them.

The power plant needed repairs in the first line of business so D. J. Hoage, Co. was given the contract to furnish repairs for the 15 H. P. one cylinder, Foos engine and the Globe cleaner.

The early directors meetings were held in the Guelph State Bank building and the directors were paid 40¢ per hour. At the same time, a motion was carried to pay the secretary $25.00 per year above the director's time. The same policy over Secretary's pay holds true today at this writing and is probably the only expense to the elevator that has not inflated over the years.

Later in the year, the directors met in the elevator office. The manager had not yet been given full authority so the board acted on all the bills for the month usually 15 or 20 and amounting to $150 to $200 per month including the manager's salary.

In 1916, the Farmers elevator was struck by lightning twice during a Tuesday night storm. Strange to say there was no sign of fire, only two large holes. Some damage was done to the electric light, but it was quickly remedied.

A tragic accident happened at the elevator in 1916. Swan Hedberg, a new comer from Sweden and a friend or Gus Young, had brought a load of grain into the elevator. As he was leaving the elevator, his horses became frightened and ran. They made a sharp turn and jackknifed the wagon. Swan was pitched off and killed instantly.

At the June 1917 Stockholders meeting in Puffers Hall, the company decided to double its issue of stock so that every stockholder could hold two shares. The second share would be earned by patronage dividends. It also carried that the director's salaries be increased to 50¢ per hour with a minimum of $3.00 monthly.

June 12, 1917. The picnic given by the Farmers Elevator Company was a splendid success. Many came from Ludden, Silverleaf and from South Dakota and from the Oakes neighborhood. The talk given by Mr. Dean in the morning was very interesting and the remarkable showing and gain for the stockholders was most gratifying and surprising.

The good dinner served in the IOOF hall at noon by Mr. and Mrs. Porter was indulged in by about 250, after which a ball game and free movies brought a very successful and enjoyable day to a close. Most of the stockholders took out more shares and several new ones were added to the list. The capital stock was doubled to $15,000. Mr. Dean was to emerge at a good many stockholder's meetings, as he was our auditor for many years.

In October a committee was formed to look into building a flour house and in December they ordered 15,000 lbs. of twine for next year's harvest.

In June of 1918, a new McDonald Pitler scale was purchased at $150.00 for the 6 ton model. The twine was running low so they purchased 10,000 pounds from Carl Swanson's Lumber yard. They also decided to erect some coal sheds and put in a telephone in the office at $1.00 per month.

Somewhere along their monthly meetings they must have given the manager authority to handle the expenses as none were shown in the minutes anymore.

In March of 1919, the Elevator Company bought one share of Consumer's Oil Company stock for the plant to be located at Guelph.

Also, farmers seed grain loans were authorized up to $200 at 8% interest. The only stipulations were that hail insurance be taken on that portion of crop and the policy be made payable to Guelph Elevator Co. and that the grain be marketed there.

At the annual meeting some new directors were voted in. H. J. Newman was president and H. C. Van Meter, Secretary and F. R. Waite, a director. They switched to the Winter, Truesdell, Ames Commission firm and hired Mr. H. B. Lee as manager.

The Secretary's books were audited and found correct by: H. J. Newman, Logan Maddock, F. R. Waite, and Mads Pederson.

The board also decided to rent the barn to Mr. Morris for $3.00 per month if he hauled the manure away. In case the board had to haul it, the rent would be $5.00 per month.

In 1920, Manager H. B. Lee was rehired at $175.00 per month, house and lights included.

Business was changed back to McCarthy Brothers Commission Company.

J. S. Waite was elected to fill the vacancy on the board caused by the death of Logan Maddock who died of the flu which was serious that year.

Also, it was voted for the fiscal year to end May 31 instead of June 30 to comply with State law.

In January of 1921, $500.00 in bad accounts was charged off the books. Lon Puffer was elected President of the board and F. R. Waite, secretary. Other members were J. S. Waite and D. H. Cowley.

1921 was the year the cycylone blew down 21 barns in the vicinity and caused considerable damage to the crop. Damage to the elevator amounted to $525.00 and the elevator manager's house, $385.15.

A barn was added adjoining the garage 20' x 20' and same height and was erected from old lumber.

1922. A dust box was built; the elevator manager's house was plastered and murescoed and painted, and the roof of the flour house repaired and the company buildings painted.

A special treat was to be added to the annual meeting in the form of lunch consisiting of coffee, sandwiches, donuts and pickles served by the Rebekah lodge ladies.

Mr. Lee was rehired as manager for $162.50 per month including house and lights.

They purchased a Marquis Dual Cleaner for $819.00 and sold the old mill for $50.00

In April 1923, H. A. Anderson was hired for 2 months at $50.00 per month. He was authorized to trade in the grain futures for the Farmers Elevator and to draw all drafts.

Harry Peterson of Barnard was hired as manager at $140.00 per month if receipts were below 100,000 bushels. If over, he was to get $150.00 per month. House rent and lights free.

In October the manager was given 1 cwt. of flour and ½ ton of coal was awarded to the largest coal user.

1924 directors were as follows: H. J. Newman, President of the board, C. A. Grady, Secretary and J. S. Waite, Bert Pederson and L. N. Puffer, directors.

The corn sheller was sold to Alkofer and Courtney for $165.00 cash.

1925. No change in directors. Nothing much going on with exception of looking into enlarging the office.

1926. H. J. Newman was hired as manager for the year at a salary of $1000.00.

1927-28. Same manager; same salary and same directors only with Matt German filling Harry Newman's position of director.

A Magic grain dump was installed for $225.00 and 4 foot of grates for $14.00. Also, a new Fair Banks stand scale bought from the same Magic Grain dump company.

1929. Driveway extended to the east and Elevator house sold to H. C. Maddock. A 32 ft. x 8 ft. corn crib was decided upon. Lon Puffer was President of the Board.

1930. Selected Hoover Grain and Commission Company to do business with. Same directors.

1931. H. J. Newman rehired as manager and one new board member, Matt German was elected.

1932. Same manager; same directors. A 5% dividend on Capital Stock declared. The dry years were beginning.

1933. Sig Berntson won over Andrew Stende in a tie vote to fill the vacancy on the board by the death of Bert Pederson.

The grain market prices in 1930 through 1932 were very bad:

Hard Red Wheat	27¢
Durum	24¢
Red Durum	24¢
Oats	6¢
Barley	9¢
Rye	16¢
Flax	88¢
#3 yellow corn	5¢
#5 yellow corn	3¢
white corn	2¢

Corn was so cheap that many farmers burned it for fuel.

About 350 attended the annual meeting on a Tuesday evening. A nice dividend was paid and a beginning of "ice cream night" appeared when 30 gallons of ice cream was doled out.

1934. Hard times showing as H. J. Newman was rehired at $800.00 for the ensuing year.

1935. An offer of $2750.00 was made to the Monarch Elevator Company for the purchase of the west elevator. If the year turned out well, the manager was to receive an additional $200.00 in wages.

1936. H. J. Newman rehired at an annual salary of $1000 and 10% of net profit.

A motion concluded to go 50-50 with the Hoover Grain Commission on ice cream for the annual meeting which occured on July 4, 1935. "The Guelph Farmers Elevator held their annual meeting in the hall Thursday evening. The old board of directors was renamed for the ensuing year. H. J. Newman, the manager, gave a report on business for the past year. In spite of the drouth, the company made a profit of $2100 which speaks well for the excellent management given by Mr. Newman in handling the affairs of the company. One of the important business transactions of the company for the past year was the purchase of the Monarch Elevator to be used for storage purposes. The farmers will be glad to know that H. A. Anderson, former manager of the Monarch, will assist Mr. Newman." At the close of the business meeting 690 ice cream packs were enjoyed by one of the largest crowds ever to attend one of these meetings.

1937. Same board; same manager but salary increased to $1400.00. The Salzer Lumber Company coal sheds were bought for $125.00.

1938 through 1940. Manager and board "rehired". About this time Charlie Gaines and Mr. Solberg of Hoover Grain Commission began attending annual

meetings and gave interesting talks. $10.00 was donated to the Guelph Band. Mr. V. M. Zweber Company was hired to reshingle the west elevator and give each elevator 2 coats of paint at a total cost of $900.00.

1941. An addition to the corn crib authorized. It was the same dimension as the old crib and spaced for a driveway in the middle both joined with the common roof.

The old one cylinder engine which was housed south of the elevator was replaced by a new IHC, H size, 6 cylinder stationary engine for $484.50. Sig Berntson was elected President of the board to replace Lon Puffer who served in that capacity since early 1920's or approximately 15 years. Lon passed away before the November 4th meeting.

1942. Harry Newman rehired at $1650.00 salary. The by-laws were amended to elect directors for a term of 3 years. Will Kendall won over Sanford Baker to fill the vacancy of Lon Puffer.

A Superior grain cleaner for the east elevator was purchased for $1367.55; County Agent, Maynard F. Scholtz gave a talk on area grain storage and the shortage there-of for the upcoming good crop.

1943-1945. No change of management. Mr. Charlie Gaines warned the stockholders of impending shortages of box cars, help on the coal, and need for their own storage facilities on grain.

1946. H. J. Newman was re-hired at $2400.00 salary. Walt Beck became a director. All were urged to get their coal supply early due to strikes and shortages.

1947. A very good year for the compnay, a dividend declared 7% on capital stocks; 8% on all grains and 10% on all merchandise. The manager received a $500 bonus.

1948. Capital stock was increased from $16,000 to $25,000 and interest rate on shares owned reduced from 7% to 4%. The manager was to look after the wiring of both elevators in readiness for R.E.A. Also authorized a sealed bid for the Methodist Parsonage in the amount of $3,027.00 to be used for forth coming manager's residence.

1949. By now the trucks were getting larger and the loads heavier, therefore, a new 30 ton scale 34 ft. long was purchased and installed and the old scale moved to the west elevator. Walt Beck became president of the board.

1950. Wm Kendall resigned from the board. New sheeting was put on the west elevator and Harry Newman was bowing out as manager in favor of Mr. Ted Steinkogler. Bill Holmes was elected director.

1951. The elevator compnay donated $50.00 towards the new Memorial Hospital at Ellendale and $25.00 to the Guelph baseball team.

1952. Harold Maynard Pederson replaced Sig Berntson on the board, and Ted Steinkogler was rehired. In 1954, the Agsco steel "wonder building" was purchased for flat storage at a cost of over ten thousand dollars. The soil bank was emerging.

by 1956, the manager was tired of hauling water so the board engaged a well driller. Attempts to locate suitable surface water failed to a depth of 200 feet. The school was also having water problems so the two boards decided to share the cost of drilling to second flow artesian and to consult with the townspeople to pay the cost of drilling from second to third flow and put in their own distribution system.

(See separate article for details of the well)

In 1957, C. A. Grady who had been director and secretary for 32 years resigned and Roland Waite was elected to fill the vacancy.

The manager's dwelling was not suitable to attract new managers so it was decided to modernize and a new Capp, pre-cut house was purchased for $10,000 and the old house disposed of to Ralph and Trudy Schroeder for $1200.00.

In 1958, Harold Bauer was hired to replace Ted Steinkogler who resigned.

Grain storage was at a premium so a new Butler building was erected beside the west elevator. Robert Radtke was hired as second man. The old corn crib had outlived it's usefulness and was sold to Beck and Hauser for the highest bid of $300.00. Pete Burkhardt defeated Harold Pederson for director.

In 1960, the board decided to build a cleaning plant in the old flour and twine room. The Hartung Construction Co. of Aberdeen had it ready for Spring grain cleaning in March, 1961. Matt German was replaced by Frank Hansen.

Harold Bauer resigned as manager and was replaced by Ralph Gelling of Barnard, SD. His son, Vern was hired as second man. George German replaced Pete Burkhardt. The elevator office was enlarged and remodeled.

1962. An Auger and chute were erected to fill the Butler building through the west elevator distributor.

1963-64. Vern Gelling hired as manager. Robert Young replaced George German as director.

1965. It was decided to erect 6 round bins of 7700 bushels each west of the old elevator. The total 46,000 bushels of storage cost $11,500.

Bill Holmes wished to resign because of ill health and his vacancy was filled by Vern Courtney.

Guelph Farmers Elevator marks 50th Anniversary. Here are excerpts as appeared in the **Dickey County Leader.**

The 50th Anniversary and annual meeting of Guelph Farmers Elevator Company was held earlier this month at the Guelph School gymnasium.

Activities included a smorgasbord dinner for stock holders, patrons and their wives, an anniversary program and the regular annual meeting and election.

Among the out-of-town guests for the occasion, which drew a crowd of about 150 were: Art Jacobson, Charles Nelson and Paul Kleinsasser of the J. and O. Grain Company, plus Norman Bakkegard of Gold Label Feeds in Jamestown.

Jacobson served as Master of Ceremonies for the program which included musical selections by Guelph students and a historical review of the elevator company, presented by Winnie Norton. (Many of the notes were prepared by Winnie.)

Door prizes wre awarded to Mrs. Eugene Burlingame, Mrs. Roland Waite and Mrs. Everett Courtney.

At the stockholder's meeting, Garth Holmes was named to the board of directors, replacing Frank Hansen, who had resigned.

Other directors are Vernon Courtney, President; Walt Beck, vice president; Roland Waite, Secretary; and Robert Young.

Jorgen Sorum, formerly of near Rugby, has been named manager replacing Vern Gelling who has resigned. Clifford Seelye of Guelph has been hired as assistant.

Carl Grady who had served as director for 32 years before his retirement was given special recognition.

In 1968, Walt Beck having served on the board for 26 years, declined to run and Howard Andersen was elected successor.

Some wood fertilizer bins were constructed and the artesian well was "acting up". The Great Northern wanted to dispose of the depot which was being leased for feed storage. The stipulation on bidding was that the building had to be moved off the railroad right-of-way. The bid of $50.00 was accepted and the depot moved to the two lots of the former location of Puffer's Hall.

1969. Jack Hayenga was hired as second man. The artesian well was recased by the original driller, Einar Marklund, with 990 feet of one inch galvanized pipe at 75¢ per foot.

Two fiber glass doors with automatic openers were installed in the main elevator and Anhydrous Ammonia fertilizer facilities were installed trackside.

The period of 1970 to 1981 was to bring the best of things and the worst of things.

Our manager Jorgen Sorum resigned and Russell Tveter of Mooreton, ND replaced him. Our dry fertilizer bins were moved trackside to take advantage of hopper car unloading and on the other side of the track 15,000 gallon tanks for liquid fertilizer were installed by Farmland Coop.

Rail problems plagued our company constantly. First, box car shortages; then transition to hopper cars and shortages of them. Then the non-utilization of large hoppers cars because of the road bed and too light rails to hold up under loaded weights. This gave Burlington Northern one more good reason to abandon the line which by now was becoming a severe threat to our future.

This caused many ups and downs. In the 1972-73, twelve month, up period, just 77,922 bushels short of a million went out of our elevator. In 1980, our manager and company loaded eight million (8,000,000 lbs) of sunflower seeds. In the down periods about one third of that could be moved.

We went from profits up to $48,000 to a loss in excess of $55,000. Surplusses mounted due to "dock worker's strike and a Presidential embargo."

A lot of money was spent to keep our facilities running smoothly. One of the more costly was the two "speedy" legs to unload more quickly the ever increasing size of truck boxes.

Rest room facilities and additional office space was added with Otto Kluever doing the carpenter work.

The old west elevator roof needed renovating after the tornado of August 28, 1977, ripped off a large portion on the north side. After repairs, both roofs were covered with galvanized sheathing.

It would no longer accomodate the larger trucks in the driveway. This was solved by removing the approaches and the pit and installing an augering system at ground level.

To keep the manager's house up dated, a two car garage was added to the west of the dwelling and two bedrooms to the east with some other interior changes. A patio area was added with access to the area accessible from the new enlarged dining area. The structure was then resided with steel.

Inflation caused salaries to rise and by mid decade the monthly salary of our manager exceeded the yearly salaries of the pioneer managers. Added to this was Hospitalization and more recently, a retirement plan.

Second men for this period were Kurt Berg, of Wahpeton area; Johnny Moore, a Navy Vet, formerly of Guelph, and Randy Schlenker of Forbes.

On the lighter side over a period of years the company sponsored Sylvia Berntson and Becky Hansen to Girl's State and Tim Forward to Boy's State. Another $300 pledge to Memorial Hospital at Ellendale was fulfilled and a $100 donation given to send an F.F.A. student to the convention at Kansas City. Our local girl, Julie Young won the qualification. Last but not least for a period of time we sponsored a bowling team.

The Stockholders voted in replacements to fill vacancies of "old timers" who had served 3 terms or more and found Marvin Hansen to replace Howard Andersen; Michael German to replace Garth Holmes and Floyd Young to replace his brother, Robert.

In 1981, Manager Russell Tveter informed us he had accepted employment elsewhere and in our search for a new manager we were fortunate to acquire a young man from Florence, SD who had been second man in an elevator there. His name was Larry Hlavecek. However, he was only with us about a year. Because of the good effort and showing he did while here, he was quickly hired from us by our commission firm. He did not leave until we had the good luck to hire another young, single man who had worked in the elevator at LaBolt, SD. Jeff Strickertz has shown much promise in spite of having so few years experience.

Alan Hayena has been assisting both of the later managers.

All the meetings by past managers and elevator board in regard to railroad abandonment of branch lines have been in no avail. Abandonment is imminent. A merger with Norway Spur elevator was considered but voted down by them.

The present manager, Jeff Strickertz and the board of directors: Marvin Hansen, Chairman; Gerald German, Michael German, Floyd Young and Roland Waite now face the challenge of survival of the Guelph Farmers Elevator when those "ribbons of steel" are severed.



The day Guelph had 3 elevators. This elevator was being moved to Westport, SD and was left in Guelph over Sunday.

THE LUMBER COMPANY

The Lumber Company was started prior to 1906 by the same company that was in Ludden. By July 8, 1909, the Robinson Company was building an office in Guelph and Charles Swanson was to take charge of the lumber, coal and machinery. In early August Charlie was setting up and selling binders. Business was good. One day at least, he sold 3 binders.

The **Dickey County Leader** dated July 20, 1911 stated that "a car load of binders was disposed of by Carl Swanson the past few days. Binders will have to be laid aside until another year or later." The crop must have been suffering as a week later it mentioned 9 combination binder and headers were sold last week. Black rust was common and many fields abandoned.

The next item noted was Febuary 27, 1913 when a car load of shingles was unloaded.

At the end of April this announcement appeared: "The Lumber Company here has again changed hands and is now owned by the Salzer Lumber Company. Hollandsworth and Hart Lumber Company have sold their yards at Ludden and at Guelph."



Charlie Swanson, the tall man, and his nephew Albert Olson. Office of Salzer Lumber Co.



Salzer Lumber Co.

"Abraham West unloaded 3 car loads of fence posts here last week. Some time soon they are expecting a carload of brick."

On February 4, 1915, Charlie had the office wired for electricity.

By March of 1916, "C. Swanson, with the assistance of Frank Dennison, the hardware man, were unloading a car of machinery. In the shipment were some fine new drills, discs and drag harrows. Later in May, they were unloading a car each of cement, shingles, lumber, and machinery."

Charlie will be remembered by many of us young "old timers" as a tall, kind man with rather large shoe size; 13's or 14's, I think. He would walk to and from his home with one hand in his pocket and the other arm waving back and forth in unison with his long stride.

When the cider keg was simmering by the coal stove in the Jesse-James Coffee shop, Charlie could be noticed making several trips a day across the street to "wet his whistle".

Now and then a farmer would come in for a repair which Charley didn't have so that prompted him to close up for a bit; going home and backing his neat Chrysler out of the garage and, backing out his entire 125' lot length of driveway being sure not to hit a tree on each side of his driveway. Then he would "buzz off" to Ludden for the repair.

Charlie Swanson continued to operate the Salzer Lumber Company until he died June 25, 1935. His wife continued to operate the business for a short time until some one could be found to take over. Mr. Martin Jensen, father of "Barb" and Ted, operated it for a short time or until Ted Jensen came home from Fort Lincoln. The "dirty thirties" were not productive enough to sustain the business so Salzer sold out to Eino Visto in 1937.

Eino, already an established machinery dealer and farmer, found the lumber shed useful for storing his ear corn that season. He had the good fortune to get a good crop of corn that year by checking his corn and hitting timely showers. Soon after the corn was marketed, Eino had the office moved and the sheds torn down and retired to one of his farms. The coal sheds and cement house had been disposed of some years previously.

GUELPH STOCKYARDS

The stockyards were built on the south side of the track just south of the well in the tracks about 1900 by the railway company.

They were used chiefly by J. D. Root who shipped hundreds of carloads of cattle, hogs and sheep from Guelph to Chicago or mostly to Minneapolis, St. Paul during his 30 plus years as livestock buyer.

A stock car had slatted sides and was about 8' x 36' and held a minimum weight of 22,000 pounds of cattle and 16,000 pounds of hogs. Sometimes these were double decked for hogs and sheep.



Guelph stockyards.



J. D. Root going over fence at stockyard in Guelph 1914.

When shipping, it was customary for the buyer and seller to ride along with their shipment to the market. The shippers got a pass and rode, either in the caboose with the crew or by coach. A shipment leaving Saturday would be down to the South St. Paul yards and ready for the Monday morning market and the shippers ready to return on the next train.

On January 4, 1934 it was noted "that at close of years business (1933) J. D. Root, independent stock buyer had purchased 15,000 hogs, 15,000 cattle and 6,000 sheep, a record that will be hard to surpass in a community as small as this." **Oakes Times**

Guelph had other shippers throughout the years as indicated by "the annual business meeting of the Guelph Shipping Association which held their meeting Monday afternoon." C. L. Spong of the Central Co-op Shipping Association of St. Paul was the speaker. Mr. Beck of Fullerton (Walt's father) was elected to the board to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Hengel. Other members of the board are: C. W. Holmes, Allen Weitala, Sig Berntson, H. M. Young and C. O. Von Eschen, Mg. **Oakes Times** 2-22-1934.

The stockyards also were used for other reasons. Young boys found them an excellent obstacle course, and Halloweeners used them surreptitiously to load Fritz Kingsley's mower on top of a box car, and the yards were even involved in a bank robbery (see Bank story).

With better roads and larger trucks the yards became used less and less and were finally abandoned and removed in the early 50's by John Schwarting who moved the lumber to his farm on NW¼ 4-129-60 and he and son Frank built a hanger from some of the material.

THE BARBER SHOP

by Theta Jensen

In 1926 after receiving my barber license, I, Barb Jensen, was working in the shop at Verona. Highway #1 was being graveled. I worked on John Schwarting and Arvid Hokana. They were part of the graveling crew. I told them I was just helping out the Verona barber while looking for a place to start up my own shop. They asked me "Why don't you come to Guelph?" I had never heard of Guelph.

Two or three weeks later I called up my neighbor and asked him to go with me to find Guelph. After arriving in Guelph, the first one I talked with was Jim Wallace. He told me I could rent the lean on the south side of his hardware store. I bought a barber chair and started in business in December. Business was fairly good just before Christmas.

There was no restaurant in town so several wanted me to have a lunch counter also. I went to Oakes and bought a lunch counter, showcase for candy and pastries and four stools. I also slept in the west end behind a partition.

A year or so later Clint Von Eschen began a restaurant in the building north of the Odd Fellows Hall. He asked me to move my barber shop into his restaurant.

Before long the state passed a law you couldn't have a barber shop where food was served. So I asked Salzer Lumber Co. how m uch it would cost to build a shop. John Schwarting had promised me he would build it. He said Salzer Lumber Co. was too high in its estimate and suggested I go to Hecla to inquire. Their bid was $120 less so I bought the lumber there. Ken Waite told me he would haul the lumber from Hecla for nothing, which he did. I bought a lot for $25.00 across the street and south of Ken Waite's grocery store.

It took about two months to build the shop. I moved into my new shop April 20, 1928. I enjoyed my own building and took pride in my hair cuts. I cut children's hair for 25¢, adults for 35¢ and shaves were 15¢.



Barb's Shop at Guelph.

In 1929 I started selling life insurance for the Great-West Assurance Co. With Theta teaching and later being postmaster, we enjoyed our years in Guelph.

Because Theta was teaching northeast of Oakes, we lived in Oakes the school year of 1936-1937. Ted, my brother, ran the barber shop then and also helped out at various times while he lived in Guelph.

In 1945 we moved to Oakes as I was working for the Johnson Land Co. too. For several years I went to Guelph every Thursday night to work in the barber shop.

After I sold the shop to Oscar Cuff, he moved it out on his farm in what was known as Perry's Grove on Highway 11. He used it for his living quarters. After his death, Royal Berntson bought the land. He moved the building to the Berntson home place where it now stands.

S. H. Jensen

Item in the Guelph news in the **Oakes Times** dated May 22, 1930—We handle all magazines and subscriptions for any and all American and foreign newspapers and periodicals.

Guelph Barb Shop and News Stand

GUELPH CAFES

In August of 1909 there was a fair amount of construction going on and it appeared Guelph was "off to a good start." The crops were bountiful and the lumber for a new elevator was on the ground. There would be construction workers to feed and no restaurant here yet. This appeal appeared in the Guelph news - a fine opening for a hotel or boarding house in Guelph.

Nothing of the sort surfaced until this appeared in the Guelph items, "Mr. J. Wegner of Hecla has purchased the restaurant building and opened a bank." Charley Porter, local carpenter, had put up the building facing west on Main Street. This indicated the need for a bank had priority over need for an eatery.

Later in April, 1916 "the bank had moved to larger quarters and Chas. Porter's restaurant was readied to serve meals in a few days."

About 1920 Maylon Waite was ready to leave the farm and seek his fortune. His stepmother, Ellen Waite, had bought Amos Waite's bungalow and the Guelph Cafe was up for sale so Maylon decided to move into Guelph and invest $500.00 into the restaurant business.

Early cafes of Guelph had many services. Sometimes a barber and another time a post office.

Maylon was a self taught barber, and he cut hair and shaved some customers in one corner of this building. He sold a lot of pop, candy, gum, tobacco and lunches as well as some bakery products. Some ice cream was handled but before electrical freezers it could be somewhat perishable. There was an ice house east of cafe which was stocked heavily with large cubes of ice from either Courtney's lake or the Jim River each winter. The ice was covered with a thick layer of flax straw which was intended to keep it from melting until the following winter. To keep the ice cream relatively firm meant chopping ice daily and repacking around the 3 or 4 gallon metal ice cream containers with this chopped ice and salt. The chest I remember was a "4 holer" with round wooden covers. A lot of water had to be drained during the day and the ice repacked when necessary.

The pop was in an insulated chest and covered with crushed ice. During the melting process it became mostly water and the different flavors of pop bottles got intermingled. For a certain flavor requested, it required that the proprietor plunge his arm into the icy water almost to the elbow and fish around until he came up with your favorite soft drink.

The very first year he was happy in grossing $10,000. Maylon bought Ellen a player piano in recompense. After about 5 years he decided to leave the cafe business. The only drawback indicated was one Wednesday night his Cafe was broken into and about $15.00 worth of candy, cigars, etc. were taken. Maylon didn't leave for that reason. He wanted to further his education beyond the 7th grade and heard of a school in Chicago that seemed to "fill the bill" so off he went to the city to further his career. He was often to retrogress to that first year in the cafe business and that rosy first feeling of prosperity.

As there wasn't a buyer in prospect, the confectionery and restaurant went into kind of a limbo. Grandpa Sylvanus Waite and his son, Clendon or Ken or Kenny took turns keeping it open until some interested person would show up to buy it. Now it was more of a confectionery than a restaurant as one day in 1926, a fellow by name of S. H. Jensen happened in and ordered a sandwich and a cup of coffee. J. S. Waite was on duty that day. He didn't have the "makings" there but said he'd get it. He was out the door and across the tracks to his spouse's house whereupon he shortly reappeared with the sandwich in one hand and the coffee pot in the other and he wasn't even puffing!

It turned out that this gentleman from Verona was a barber and he was to open a barber shop in the south lean-to of the Wallace Hardware. However he found quarters rather crowded there and by now Clint Von Eschen had taken over the Cafe. He invited "Barb" Jensen to move over into the more spacious cafe area which he did for some time. Barb cut hair in his corner and Clint dispensed various sundries behind his counter. However, one day the inspection service happened along and frowned on hair cutting in proximity of food dispensing. Barb's first thought to partition a corner gave way to a suggestion to build his own shop, which he later did. However, he thought the restaurant might be a good possibility for his brother, Ted and his father, Martin. So they took over the cafe until in Oct. 6, 1932 it was stated "S. H. Jensen of Guelph Confectionery closed out his stock last week and will devote his entire time to the insurance business. He is an agent for Great-West Life Co."

Barb Jensen recalls that his most prosperous time in the cafe was when he was selling fresh bakery products to the gravel haulers when they were graveling

highway #11 from Amos Waite's gravel pit ½ mile northwest of Guelph.

In the meantime across the street in the annex to the Wallace Hardware, plans had shaped up to run a lunch counter with candy, pop and tobacco. Jesse Newman from the hill top north of town went into sort of a partnership deal with the James Wallaces and the sign out side spelled out "Jesse-James Coffee Shop". Jesse Newman and Jim Wallace were co-proprietors and with the help of Mary Wallace and family members were able to take care of the lunch counter, the hardware and the post office, the latter they had acquired in 1933.

At the west end of the Cafe was a little poker nook and many an evening was spent by the local fellows around the table playing poker. One could purchase cardboard "chips"—so many for a dollar and these chips were used like cash to buy poker chips, lunches, pop, and smokes. A person could get the best homemade banana cream pie in the area and some rather yummy bismarcks and rolls that came fresh from the bakery in Ellendale on the afternoon train.

In certain seasons of the year a 15 gallon keg of apple cider would suddenly appear on a box adjacent to the heater. A few well placed, tiny holes, to relieve the pressure, were drilled in the top. After 3 or 4 days in this cozy spot the cider was taking on a certain effervescense, and you could tell when it reached its quintessence by the number of repeat trips a day individuals were making to indulge. I think the price was 15¢ a glass!

Young James Wallace, Jr. would come down after school and fill the pop cooler and check out the baseball scores in the Aberdeen American News.

I'll never forget the cream soda and the chocolate pop; the orange crush was good, too! It had little particles of orange peel pulverized in it. Refreshing!

The Jesse-James Cafe was to have been phased out in the late 1930's when the Wallace family moved to Valley City.

Across the street we find "Warren Courtney opening the cafe, confectionery and lunch counter in the Howard building on the east side of Main". This was 1936. Warren was to operate the cafe only until a couple brothers named Emil and Jake Bauder happened along and liked the potential, so they were to operate the cafe for a number of years. They had the usual sundries and, of all things, they added 3.2 beer on tap! They also resurrected a table suitable for poker and the bogus cardboard "money" redeemable for trade within the premises. Some specific years are missing here but by 6-9-1955 the Bauder Brothers had gone to the Edgeley area and "Emma Von Eschen opened the cafe for business Tues. A.M. The place had been very popular the past week for lunches, meals and sociability. She was assisted several days by Mrs. H. C. Maddock."

Now after WWII, business was booming for the local International dealer, Eino Visto, who was also involved in extensive farming. Again there appeared a fine opening for a cafe to feed the many employees Eino hired. So a new cafe and a new proprietor came to Guelph across the road from IHC and Guelph Auto Service building. A Mrs. Pudwill from Hecla operated it and was to turn out tasty meals for the hungry help. This was not to last for many years and across the street Emma was also to give up the cafe business for a secretarial job at the County Agent's office in Ellendale. She was replaced by Cindy and Gloria Gilman, a mother and daughter team, who could whip up a snack and serve it in style. Also behind the counter, Alva Burley was dispensing pop and ice cream.

Alva in his inimitable style of the English would upon request recite the flavors available - "I've got rozburry, churry, w'ite'ouse, booter bruttle and vanilla" and when you named your flavor you would get the 'gol darnedest' double-triple decker cone you ever saw for 10¢!

You could also get a dandy 'pop float' to eat on the spot or order a hand packed carton of ice cream to take home. "Your quota was filled and Alva was saving the rest for the morrow!" because Alva wanted some to sell the next day.



Alva's Confectionary at grounds of Maude Evans Saddle Club.

Due to the infirmities of old age, Alva had to retire. The Burley Cafe was closed forever. It was purchased by the Maud Evans Saddle Club of Forbes and moved to the Club grounds in Elm Township along highway #11 on Sec. 5-129-64.

Mrs. Emil Barsten informs us that Clyde Schwarting and James Newham also each owned and operated the cafe for a short while. Clyde became ill shortly after acquiring the cafe. He had a ruptured appendix and died.

(Most material and quotes from correspondents Guelph column in the **Dickey County Leader**).

If you are willing to admit you are all wrong when you are all wrong, you are all right.

GUELPH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

It is certain that there was a worshiping community in the area before the church building was erected. These pioneers had brought their Bibles and faith with ;them, and with the ruggedness of their new life realized how much they had to rely on God to care for them. It is reported that "N.D. Witham who with his son, Joe, had come from Maine and built a frame house, sod barn and stable 2 miles south east of Guelph (SE¼ Sec. 8-129-60) had announced in the fall of 1883 that if his neighbors would meet at his house a certain Sunday, he would preach to them. He was a preacher. About 50 people turned out. He took his place in the door of his house and preached so those inside and outside could hear. He preached a powerful sermon on the test from II Kings 20:1 "Set thy house in order!" He served several communities in the early days before settled pastors were available. No names are given as to who attended, but it is evident the ones from Guelph attended.

Worship services continued to be held in the homes until school houses were built. Then these became places of worship. In Guelph Puffer's Hall was used.

The records show that in 1884 Reverend C. B. Gilbert, the pastor from Port Emma came to preach to a congregation in Guelph. The Guelph congregation continued to be yoked with Ludden until about 1912. March 15, 1889, a Methodist society was formed. The pastors who had served were Presbyterian, Methodist or Baptist.

It had been thought that Mrs. Frank Courtney and Carl Grady were charter members of the Guelph Church but the records indicate that Mr. and Mrs. John Jones became members in 1902, and Mrs. Courtney, her daughter Gena, and Carl Grady joined Sept. 30, 1906.

In 1907 the Methodist Church was built at an estimated cost of $1600. Mrs. Frank Courtney gave the first $50 toward the cost of the building. M. H. Puffer gave the land. Amos Waite, Harry Ferrel and Ray Woodard did the building with help of volunteers. This is still the main sanctuary. The first pastor to hold services in the building was Reverend Wm Wellington who lived in Ludden and was pastor there and was to serve the Guelph congregation with Ludden that year.

From the **Oakes Times** of March 3, 1910, we get this information. "H. Ferral has put in a railing around the rostrum in the M. E. Church at Guelph and a new carpet, which is an improvement to the interior of the church." In that same issue was this item. "Rev. Brown drove from Ludden to the Baker place and walked the rest of the way on Sunday to hold services."

In 1913 the single men of the church took it upon themselves to raise money for a bell to be put in the steeple. The bell which cost $39.35 was received in December, 1913. The Guelph column for Jan. 8, 1914, carrried this item. "The bell has arrived and it will soon be hung in the belfry. At present the little folk are having a merry time ringing it in the depot freight room."



Guelph Methodist Church-1915. Parsonage in foreground, church in background.

In 1912 a parsonage was built which was to be the residence of the following pastors: Rev. Virgil Merchant, L. E. Watson, Ira McFarland, Omer Idso and Alfred Boalch over a period of 10 years. The Guelph charge was the only one they had. Prior to that they were linked with Ludden Methodist Church. After there was no pastor in residence, the parsonage was rented. Reverend and Mrs. H. Gernhardt and the Don Sprouses lived there. It was sold to the Guelph Farmers Elevator in 1948 to be the dwelling for their elevator manager. It is now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Ray Brown who purchased it in 1966.

The congregation continued to grow and by 1948 there were 6 Sunday School classes trying to meet in the one room. It was decided to build an annex to the west and put in a full basement. This building project was completed by 1949 and the church was rededicated July 30, 1950.



We were again in a building project in 1970 to enlarge the annex entry making it possible to have indoor restrooms and a better stairway to the basement. The steeple was removed as there were problems with the roof leaking around the steeple.



The church has had an active Sunday School from its beginning until 1980 when it was discontinued because there were no children in the congregation. The earliest record shows the following in the youth class taught by Nellie Puffer: Waldon Waite, Clendon Waite, Maylon Waite, Mary Waite, Ruth Fitzgerald, Anna Dennison, Rex Bliss, Max Bliss, Rudolph Robie, Wilford Waite, May Edwards, Ruth Edwards, and Edith Hodge. This was in 1907. At present there is provision for kindergarten and primary classes. The Bible Study and prayer group which meet Wednesday afternoon use the Adult Sunday School quarterly for their study. This prayer group has been a vital group to the spiritual life of the church and has met faithfully through the years. When there was a resident pastor, he was responsible for leading the group. After that a member of the laity was held responsible.



MYF Carolers in 1970. Terry Andersen, Douglas Courtney, Alan Hayenga, Steve Berntson, Gary Hauser, Pat Courtney, Kurt Courtney, Sylvia Berntson, David Hayenga, Rhonda Waite.

Records indicate there was a youth group in 1918 called the Epworth League and in later years was called Methodist Youth Fellowship. They had their special studies and have been an asset to the worship service in providing music. For a number of years they gave the sunrise Easter service and participated in the Christmas programs.

April 3, 1968 the name was changed to United Methodist Church as the Evangelical United Bretheran had united on the National basis with the Methodist Church. It had been known as the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Through the years itinerant evangelists and missionaries have held special services in the church. In the summer time of the 20's and 30's tent meetings were held in Puffer's grove. Many of the congregation attended these.

Feb. 1932 from **Dickey County Leader.** Reverend Parish came out on the train and held a service Wednesday evening as he couldn't come on Sunday. All roads were blocked.

Dec. 19, 1943 from **Leader.** Dedication of service flag in Guelph Methodist Church. Those in Military service from the church: James Moore, Leslie Baker, Harold Baker, Maynard Oliason, Myron Schultz, Roland Waite, Clifford Rollo, Walter Rollo, Wava Wagner and Elaine Knapp. Their names were read.

An item from Feb. 3, 1899 of the **Oakes Times** pertains to N.D. Witham, who had been the first to call the people of the area together for worship. "N. D. Witham, who was taken to the Jamestown Asylum for treatment in Sept. 1897, died in that institution on Monday, 23rd. The immediate cause of his death was exhaustion of Chronic Melancholia from which he suffered severely for several months. He was buried in the Asylum cemetery. He was well known throughout the country, having lived for many years in the vicinity of Ludden-Guelph. His wife now resides in Wahpeton."

This is a community church and all faiths are welcome to worship and take part. At present it has 55 members listed on its roll. Through the years 159 baptisms have been performed with most having been in the church. In the early days several adults were baptized in Lake Genevieve. This was called immersion baptism.



Reverend and Mrs. Gernhardt.

The names of pastors who have served and the approximate dates follow: C. B. Gilbert (1884-1887) C. W. Riches M.D. (1887-1888) F. A. Thompson (1888) E. Vaughan (1888-1889) G. F. Bieber (1889-1891) G. E. Blackford (1892-) J. E. Pike (1892-1893) P. A. Scott (1893-1895) F. E. Johnstone (1895-1896) W.A.E. Maddock (1896-1898) L. C. Yeoman (1898-1901) G. Hardenbrook (1901-1902) L. C. Yeoman (1902-1906) W. Wellington (1906-1908) Thomas Dyer (1909-1909) Oral C. Brown (1909-1910) Wm J. Rice (1910-1911) Claude C. Kinder (1911-1913) James H. Brown (1913-1915) Virgil L. Merchant (1915—) L. E. Watson (1917-1919) Ira J. McFarland (1919-1921) Omer Idso (1922-1923) J. D. Smith (1922-1925) L. F. Green (1925-1927) Alfred Boalch (1927-1929) A. R. Jones (1929-1930) Geo. Parish (1930-1933) John D. Cawthorne (1933-1937) Thomas Smith (1937-1939) Orlando Lee (1939-1946) James Odom (1946-1947) Donald Ashley (1947-1950) J. Kemp Tunis (1950-1952) Eric Wehrill (1952-1956) D. W. Nankivel (1956-1961) W. F. Larson (1961-1964) O. A. Gehring (1964-1967) James Pomeroy (1967-1968) H. J. Gernhardt (1968-1973) H. Stepanek (Presbyterian 1974-1978) David Glahn (1978-1981) Ralph Walty (Presbyterian interim pastor (1981-1982) Gerald Oliver (Presbyterian 1982-present pastor.) Beginning with Geo. Parish the Guelph charge had been yoked with the Ellendale Methodist Church. Under the ministry of J. D. Smith they were yoked withf Oakes Methodist Church.

Those who have been members of the church for 50 years have been presented a praying hands plaque. The first ones to receive this recognition were Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Maddock. Others to date who have received this recognition are: Hannah Swanson, Essie Schwarting, Mae Anderson, Winnie Norton, Mrs. Palmer Vie and Kathryn Howard.

THE GUELPH LADIES' AID

There seems to be no way to learn definitely when the ladies aid of the Guelph Church had its beginning. Winnie Norton who came to the Guelph Community in 1906 believes there has been an aid as long as there has been a church here. It is assumed that Mrs. Frank (Lois) Courtney had much to do with the start of the aid since she gave the first $50 toward the church building.

The aid has had names such as the Methodist Episcopal Ladies' Aid, the Women's Society of Christian Service and since 1973, The United Methodist Women. It's membership is not, however, limited to Methodist women. Except for its official title it has simply been called the Ladies' Aid.

Few records are available. The ones found go back to 1958. At one time since then the membership has reached 29. At present it stands at 11 with four honorary members. Members become honorary members when they reach 80 years of age.

The ladies' aid is a missionary society—it's mission is to help in the community, in needy areas of our country and the world. Most of the homes in the community have been touched in some way by it.

Service within the community has meant serving for wedding receptions and wedding anniversaries many of which have been 50th anniversaries and some even a 60th. Serving bereaved families and their friends after a funeral has been done time and again. Various provisions such as food and clothing to needy ones in the area have been gladly given, in times of illness the aid has sought to help with food or work which needed to be done. Members of graduating classes have been honored with dinners.

The aid has provided most of the equipment for the church basement, purchased humidifiers, vacuum cleaners, and aided in securing supplies for the Sunday School, and carpeting for the sanctuary.

One service provided outside the community was during World War II when the aide took dozens of pheasant sandwiches, cakes, deviled eggs and doughnuts to Aberdeen and served them to soldiers coming through on the train. This required large amounts of food.

No count has been kept of the quilts made and given to missionaries but they have been numerous. Support has been given to provide schooling for a boy of India, clothes for children of Kenya, victims of disaster in our country and foreign lands as well.

Money has been raised by serving church suppers, serving lunches at auction sales, at elections and through members giving, also the sale of cook books and our centennial quilt project.

One of the largest projects was serving lunch on March 25, 1954 at the Knapp-Visto sale which was attended by 3,000 people. four traffic managers were used to direct 1500 cars. It was a cold day, men were hungry. No one kept track of the dozens of hamburgers but it is known the ladies kept serving until dark and used 22 lbs. of coffee. Their reward - $535.

Another big undertaking was the serving of the alumni banquet in 1960 when a school reunion was held. There was a membership at that time of about 29 members but quite a number of those were alumni, teachers, or school board members so the number of workers was greatly reduced. Banquet tickets were $1.25.



Ladies Aid of 1937: Mrs. Frank Courtney, Mrs. Root, Kathryn Howard, Mrs. Cawthorne, Mrs. Berntson, Mrs. Hafey, Mrs. Swanson, Gena Baker, Mrs. Schwarting, Vivian Waite, Mrs. Wagner, Winnie Norton, Anna Maddock, Mrs. Jensen, Rev. Cawthorne.



Senior members of Ladies Aid in 1973 from left to right: Alma Andersen, Kathryn Howard, Winnie Norton, Essie Schwarting, Thea Berntson.



Younger Ladies Aid members in 1973: Back row: Genevieve Baker, Jean Berntson, Karen Waite, Genevieve Vie. Front row: Esther Warner, Hannah Hauser, Mildred Brown, Gladys Oliason.

HOLINESS METHODIST CHURCH

This church was begun in 1912 or 1913 and was known at the Chapel Church. It was located across the road south of the elevator dwelling.

Some members of this church were the Wm. Hauser family, John Yuhl family, Henry Beck family, Christ Olthoff family, Marcus Oliason family, Hans Hove Family, and Tom Dennis family.

They bought one of the Hudson school houses (the old Guelph school) and moved it to the North west part of Guelph. Members of the congregation made it into a two-story dwelling and added to it to become the parsonage. Because of a dwindling membership the church was closed in the 40's. It was sold and moved out of Guelph to South Dakota where it was to continue to be used as a church. Pastors who served the church were: Wm. Rice, A.K. Irwin, F.E. Whitney, Herbert Rue, Thomas Hacker, Andrew Peterson, Wesley Hardin, Martin Bast, Louis Larson, and Alfred Freitag.



Holiness Methodist Parsonage.

GUELPH I.O.O.F. LODGE #148

by Robert Young

On May 7, 1913 the first meeting of Guelph I.O.O.F. Lodge # 148 was held and the following officers were selected:

J. D. Root	Noble Grand
H. Falls	Vice Grand
R. S. Hardin	Recording Secretary
Wm McCoy	Warden
R. F. Withe	Chaplain
O. Oliason	Inside Guardian
A. Zimbleman	Right Supporter to Noble Grand

The Oakes initiatory team conferred the degrees on the brothers assembled. On the May 27, 1913 meeting the following brothers were installed:

J. H. Schwarting	Conductor
H. J. Newman	Outside Guardian
G. D. Bliss	Left Supporter to Noble Grand
H. A. Anderson	Right Supporter to Noble Grand
H. M. Young	Left Supporter to Noble Grand
L. N. Puffer	Right Sciene Supporter
T. G. Coffock	Left Sciene Supporter

Lodge meetings were held in Puffer's Hall which was located a little east of where the Great Northern Depot (Burlington Northern) now stands. Rent for the meetings was $1.50 per meeting and meetings continued to be held here until it was decided to build a new hall of their own. The new building was to be 26' x 60' and bids for lumber and materials were asked for in November of 1915. Bids for material were received from Staley Lumber Co. of Hecla for $765.00, Wells and Thomas of Ellendale for $725.00 and a bid for $600.00 was received from Salzer Lumber Company of Guelph. The Salzer bid was the one taken.

Three Brothers were appointed to oversee the building project. They were Wm. McCoy, J.D. Root and H. J. Newman. Money to build the new hall was pledged by the Lodge Brothers and it was to be paid back at a later date. After the building was completed it was furnished with thirty six chairs and two stoves to start with, and Brother Charles Porter was hired as janitor for a wage of 25¢ per week.



Cafe far left, Lodge Hall center, Blacksmith shop right, Elevator left background 1916.

In 1916 a moving picture machine was purchased for $8.00 and movies were shown in the new hall. With the showing of movies it was agreed to allow the janitor free admittance to the movies as part of his wages. It was agreed by the Brothers that there would be no dancing or rollar skating allowed but basketball could be played in the hall. Card playing would be allowed but only when there were no women around.

During the evening of Friday, January the 13th the Odd Fellows entertained their wives and families in the new hall.

If anyone who happened to be anywhere in the vicinity of the I.O.O.F. Hall the evening of Friday, March 14, 1916 must have wished that he were an Odd Fellow or at least a relative of an Odd Fellow. Certain it is, the laughter and merriment testified to the good time on within. Nearly 100 were present. A short but very good program was given, about half of it being music by the orchestra. After the program the company was entertained for about an hour by the antics of Charlie Chaplin movies. Then the boys immediately got busy preparing the tables and serving a bountiful supper. The tables reached the full length of the hall and had to be set twice before everyone had eaten. After supper the tables disappeared as if by magic and young and old indulged in old fashioned games until about 2 o'clock when everyone departed saying, "Didn't we have a dandy time." The Guelph Odd Fellows are certainly some entertainers.

In the Spring of 1916 it was agreed by the Lodge Brothers to borrow enough money against the hall to pay back the Lodge Brothers that had pledged money to build and paint the hall. Paint for the hall would be $28.50 for 6 gallons of paint.

The Wives of the Odd Fellows planned and carried out a surprise on the lodge members Saturday evening, April 1, 1916. Each lady from the country had found a perfectly good reason for coming to town with her husband, and when he came to Lodge, each lady managed to smuggle into the buggy a package containing her share of lunch. After the men were safely inside the lodge room, the ladies gathered together and at the first sign that lodge was over, they ran for the hall carrying lunch under their arms. Some of the men "smelled a rat" but most of them were very much "April Fooled." After lunch and a general good time for about an hour the party broke up, after the ladies had been invited to come again.

With the lodge progressing it was decided to bond the treasurer for the sum of $200.00 at a cost of 40¢, and it was in March of 1917 the lodge was incorporated under the laws of North Dakota.

During the month of April in 1917 the lodge hall was loaned rent free to the State and Federal Governments for the purpose of recruiting for the Army and Navy for World War I.

Many social and community events were held in the lodge hall and proceeds were used in many ways. Proceeds from motion pictures in July of 1918 were sent to the American Red Cross.

On Sunday Januray 19, 1919, last rites for Charter Member Brother Odin Oliason, who passed away at Phoenix, Arizona, were held at the I.O.O.F. hall.

In the month of March in 1919 the lodge hall was the scene of a basket social with about 45 baskets. Proceeds from the sale of baskets amounted to $91.00 and plate suppers along with donations brought the total proceeds to $103.00. Expenses for the evening of fun amounted to $1.50 for coffee and sugar, $4.50 for coal and $8.00 for moving pictures. The moving pictures were about the Allied Armies of World War I.

Due to demand, it was agreed by the lodge brothers to allow dancing in the hall on an invitation basis only.

An idea of some of the bills allowed in these times were — 1 pair of hinges, 30¢, lamp chimney 30¢, 50 pounds of sweeping compound $1.50, funnel 40¢, 1 quart measure 30¢, and the premium for $1,000.00 insurance on the hall $36.30.

In 1919 gas lanterns were the form of light used at a cost of 2 lamps for $17.00 but in January of 1920 the Brothers agreed to invest $50.00 in the Guelph Light Plant and have electric lights. Also added to the hall at this time was a used piano for $150.00.

On July 2, 1921 the lodge hall was damaged by a tornando. Many barns were lost in the Guelph community at that time.

After six faithful years of use it was decided to dispose of the motion picture machine in 1922.

During the winter and spring months many rabbit hunts, basket socials, plays and entertainments were held in the lodge hall. In July of 1928 the chairs from the hall were used for a Chatauqua that came to Guelph.

In 1929 progress was shown when a cement sidewalk was put down in front of the lodge hall, and many were on hand for a concert and dance put on by the Savo-Frederick band and the Odd Fellows sponsored a boy scout movement in Guelph.

By 1933 hard times had started to hit all of the community and a stove was needed for the kitchen. Cost of the store was $15.00 and was to be purchased from G. C. Howard. It was agreed to pay $7.50 at the time of purchase and the remaining $7.50 late in the fall

of that year. Coal for heating the hall was going for about $10.93 per ton.

As hard times hit harder, the lodge was used for "Corn and Hog" signups in October of 1935. Rabbit and fox soon were a problem and many hunts were held in the 30's and 40's with the lodge hall the focal point for such meetings.

In March of 1936 the lodge hall lighting system was hooked up to the Visto light plant. Cost of lights was .35¢ per night. In March of 1941 the lodge purchased a used light plant for $80.00 and furnished their own lights.



Picture of Harry Newman taken of Odd Fellow fox hunt.

In 1948 money was needed to repair the lodge hall so it was decided by the Lodge Brothers to put in a crop. Many of the brothers donated money to buy flax seed. May 10, 1948, with the help of a lot of good people of the community the lodge seeded nearly a quarter of flax in one day. On hand for the event were 32 tractors and necessary other implements. Cost of fuel for the entire operation was $97.85 for gasoline and $5.40 for 23 gallons of diesel fuel. Swathing was done by Brothers P. A. Pederson, Gust Young, C. W. Holmes and Everett Courtney. Lunch for the swathing crew was furnished by Mrs. E. (Margaret) Courtney and Mrs. Walt (Esther) Beck. E. A. Visto of the Guelph Auto Service combined the flax crop at a cost of $540.00. After all the bills were paid the lodge had a net return of $3,731.40.

After much discussion it was decided not to repair the old lodge hall but to purchase the building that had housed the Guelph State Bank of earlier years. For a purchase price of $1,000.00 the old bank building was purchased from Fred McCartney. January 21, 1949, was the day selected to move to the new home for the lodge. On January 27, 1949, a free oyster stew was held for all the brothers and community friends that helped put in the flax crop. It was at this time that the old lodge hall was given to the Hudson School District.

Among new furnishings for the new lodge hall included an electric stove at a cost of $99.83. Parking space for autos was purchased from Mrs. Carl Swanson. The newly purchased lots were just to the east of the lodge hall.

Another flax and wheat crop was put in by the lodge on April 23, 1949 with the help of many people from the community. Some costs were: 22 bushels flax seed @$6.00 per bushel. 141 bushels of wheat seed @$2.10 per bushel, 372.6 gallons of gasoline - $76.26. Some of the proceeds of this crop were used to help the Guelph School purchase a sound projector.

On May 5, 1951 the lodge crop shared 196 acres of land with Henry Alkofer. 112 acres of barley and 84 acres of flax were put in. Both crops were seeded in one day. Costs for this crop were: 518 gallons gasoline - $98.42, N.D. State tax on gas - $25.96, Federal tax - $7.77, 60 gallons diesel fuel - $10.86. Seed used: 127 bushels barley seed @$1.58, for a cost of $201.45, 76 bushels of flax seed @$5.50, for a cost of $420.75. The seed was purchased from Robert, Albert and Floyd Young. Federal Crop insurance on the entire crop was $85.00. Returns for the crop were: ¾ share of barley - 3469 bushels sold for $1.21 - $4,197.49, ¾ share of flax - 1352 bushels @ $3.43 - $4,637.36. The entire crop was combined by John Visto at a cost of $1,150.60 for 196 acres.

Putting their money to good use the Guelph Lodge #148 furnished a room in the new Ellendale Memorial Hospital at a cost of $600.00.

Modern progress was noted with the purchase of a T.V. for the lodge hall in 1953 at a cost of $412.90 for T.V. and antenna. Further progres was made by joining the Guelph water system so running water was had at the lodge hall.

In October of 1952 the lodge started looking for some land to buy and received a couple of offers for $20.00 per acre. Location of the land and the extra



Work crew for I.O.O.F. farm project.

work to clean up the fields was the deciding factor not to buy land.

More convenience for the janitor and heating the hall brought about the purchase of a new oil furnace and the old coal burner was put to rest. Fuel at the time th new furnace was put in was selling for 16¢ per gallon.

With the coming of better roads, better automobiles, television and the ability to go greater distances for entertainment, increased demands on the time of both young and old lodge members, the lodge gradually held a lesser and lesser source of entertainment and joy. In time all of the good times, good deeds and memories came to an end and the lodge remains no more. Many good memories linger on the good deeds and community support it had and gave. These still linger on in friendship, love and truth.

VICTORY REBEKAH LODGE 103

On May 17, 1919, records of Guelph IOOF No. 148 stated that "under new business the starting of a Rebekah Lodge was talked over." Motion was made and seconded that Guelph IOOF Lodge donate $25.00 to buy their charter.

On June 28th, 1919, records further state that communication was received and read that the new Rebekah lodge would start here on the 17th of July. The ladies asked the loan of our hall, gavels, ballot box and whatever else we can let them have for the night. A resolution was passed by this Lodge to lend the Rebekahs whatever they needed and give them all the help necessary.

Among those women in the community listed as charter members were: Petra Bostrup, Margaret Courtney, Della Cowley, Katherine Howard, Clara Pagenkopf, Edna Perlenfein, Maude Root, Rosie Van Meter and Minnie Young.

On December 13, a motion was made and carried that Noble Grand appoint a committee of two to confer with the Rebekahs in regards to having a joint meeting and supper on the night of initiation.

On January 20, 1920, the Guelph IOOF made a motion and seconded to buy a share in the Guelph Electric Light Plant provided the Rebekah's pay $25.00 toward the $50.00 share. Rebekahs often joined the Odd Fellows in social gatherings. At one time, the Odd Fellows asked the Rebekahs to make them a Duck Dinner—provided they furnished the duck. However, they didn't get ducks so beef was substituted.

A newspaper clipping told of a joint Odd Fellows and Rebekah meeting which drew approximately 100 visitors. Lodge members came from LaMoure, Cogswell, Hecla, Ludden, Fullerton and Oakes. There was a mixed program of readings and music. Mrs. Wm. Zimmerman and E. F. Handy from Oakes gave readings; a LaMoure orchestra provided music. Others on the program included Mrs. Folsom of Ludden, Mrs. Murphy and Mr. Baker of Guelph. Supper was served by Guelph Rebekahs after which a social time was in order.

Oct. 26, 1929, a bill of $29.26 for plowing for Waldon Waite was approved and the Odd Fellows extended a note of thanks to the Rebekahs for the dinner furnished. And in May of 1934, a beautiful gas lamp was given to the W. C. Norton family.

The Rebekahs furnished meals for several community projects when neighbors gathered to plow and seed land; the proceeds of which helped buy the old bank building for their hall.

During the years, membership increased and they took active part in District Meetings, as well as being represented at the State meetings. The membership and attendance lost interest due to the invasion of Television and after considerable deliberation the charter was turned back to the office in Devils Lake.

PUFFER'S HALL

Items from the Guelph column read as follows: "At a meeting of the Guelph Hall Ass'n the following officers were elcted: M. H. Puffer, president, Sylvanus Waite-vice president, L.N. Puffer-secretary, Carl Swanson-treasurer, L. H. Hagen, Amos Waite and Albert Moore-directors, G. W. Bailey and Harry Young managers."

"The Opera house is nearing completion with the cement underpinning and platform as quite an addition."

"The opening of the opera house will be on Friday evening, March 10. A fine program will be arranged and a chicken pie supper will be served. Admission 50 cents; children 15 cents. A cordial invitation is extended to all. Come and have a good time.

"St. Patrick's Day was celebrated with a dance in the Opera House. About twenty couples were present. Music was furnished by Professor Becker of Hecla and Harry Maddock of Guelph. A fine supper was served in the Hagen residence by Hagen and Wagner."

This item from **Dickey County Leader** of 6/22/1911. "Rev. C. C. Williams delivered a very interesting lecture illustrated with a stereoptican Saturday evening at the Guelph Opera House and also preached an illustrated sermon to a crowded house. The audience, being so well please with the lecture and sermon, invited Mr. Williams to return for another date."

Somewhere L. N. Puffer must have bought the opera house from the association and it became known as Puffer's hall. The hall was used extensively for Sunday school, camp meetings, basket socials, elevator meetings, lodge meetings and for roller skating. It was used one year for a class room before the new two room school was built. In the twenties the school rented it for basketball practice and games. It had 2 reinforcing rods to keep the sides from spreading. Many times the basketball would hit these. It was then

out of bounds. Since the floor was so small, the out-of-bounds line was the wall. The "cracker box" will be well remembered by anyone who played basketball then. The stage and bleachers were in the west end. A coal stove separated the bleachers in the center stage. The top row of seats were the hot ones and it became a little odoriferous up there before the game was over. There were no rooms for showers. The depot waiting room was the dressing room for the players. Many exciting games were played there, and in 1929 the Guelph team won the district tournament at Ellendale.

As other facilities became available, Puffer's Hall was used less and less. In 1944, George German bought it and moved it to his farm (SE¼ of 26-130-60) where he converted it into a garage and repair shop. It is used as such at the present.



Puffer's Hall ready to be moved.

GUELPH COMMUNITY CLUB

by Esther Beck

On Feb 5, 1920, a postponed farmers' meeting was well attended. After the meeting, the county agent, Mr. Kuenning, organized the first Guelph Community Club, with the following officers:

President, H. C. Van Meter
Vice-President, J. J. Wallace
Secretary, Roy Thomas.

A committee of six was appointed—three on the program and three on refreshments. H. J. Newman, Jesse Newman, and Jake Wagner were on the program committee; and Mrs. Henry Sell, Opal Way, and Mrs. Jake Wagner on refreshments.

The first meeting was held on Feb. 13, 1920. On Nov. 27, 1930, a large crowd gathered with Professor Don Sprouse acting as chairman and Mrs. Milo Bostrup, Secretary. The purpose of the meeting was to organize a Community Club to meet the third Friday of each month. The following officers were elected: S. H. Jensen, President; G. C. Howard, Vice-President; Mrs. Don Sprouse, Secretary; and George Cowley, Treasurer. A finance committee was appointed consisting of Ed Heiss, George Cowley, and Mrs. C. O. Von Eschen.

One member from each family was to bring lunch. Members were assured that a "splendid" program would be prepared for the December meeting. It was promised that a Christmas tree would be in readiness and for all who wish to could exchange gifts.

A small admission fee was charged—5¢ for children, and 20¢ for adults, the money being used to defray the expenses of rent.

The Community Club organized in 1930 continued to be an important part of the social life of the community for the next 25 years. The organization met once a month, usually on Friday nights. They rented the Odd Fellows Hall as a meeting place, paying $3.00 rent for each meeting.

Community Club was a family affair. The adults as well as the children always took part. Lunch was served by a committee of three or four. The programs were provided by the talent in the community. The teachers were usually on the Program Committee, as the people said they did not have anything else to do! The programs consisted of debates, home talent plays, original skits, readings, and musical numbers. Musical numbers for the program were numbers by Jake Wagner on the bones, George Cowley, saxaphone and accordion, and Hon Baker, the piano or organ. Gertrude and William Linville often sang, and Mae Anderson gave readings, her favorite being from Edgar Guest. She recited many of his poems from memory. The programs were often followed by games, such as relay races and musical chairs. A favorite relay race was played by having two lines each provided with a suitcase filled with clothes. The contestants dressed with the clothes, then undressed and passed the suitcase of clothes on to the next person in line. The first line to finish won the relay.

Often after the program, socials would be held—basket socials, pie socials, or shadow socials. The baskets or pies brought by the ladies would be auctioned off to the highest bidder. Harry Newman acted as auctioneer. There was much excitement and many tense moments during the auction as the gentleman who was bidding did not know whose basket or pie he was getting until he opened the basket and the lady's name was revealed. Of course, it was equally exciting for the lady, as she wondered which gentleman she would be eating lunch with.

The money from the socials was used for activities in the community. One of these was the Christmas tree and candy and nut treats which were shared with the school. The school presented the Christmas program in the hall, and the community contributed to the expenses of the tree and treats. Walt Beck for many years was Santa Claus, and can tell many interesting experiences he had in that role.

During World War II, to promote the sale of savings bonds, the pies or baskets were auctioned and the person buying the basket would buy a savings bond for the amount he bid.

Fox and rabbit hunts were sponsored by the Community Club. They were held on Saturdays starting at noon. Sometimes they would start with a dinner in the hall prepared by the ladies. Other times a lunch would be provided at the close of the hunt about 5 O'clock.

Trucks were provided by the farmers for the hunters to ride in to the designated area. In 1952, school buses provided transportation. The hunt would cover an area 2 miles square at one time, then move on usually hunting about six sections in a hunt. No rifles or birdshot were permitted. Many who did not carry guns walked with the hunters. They would line up twenty men on each side of the two-section area to be hunted and walk toward the center. The fox and rabbits ran toward the center of the area as the hunters walked in, where the animals would be shot.

One large hunt covered an area of twenty square miles and netted 2400 rabbits as well as a number of foxes.

The rabbits were sold for 10 to 12¢ a piece, and the foxes from $2 to $3 each. The money went to sponsor various projects and activities. In 1930, money was given to the Guelph Community Band. Other funds went to enrich the high school athletic fund and to the baseball team.

During World War II, the Community Club sponsored a very special project. The men held a pheasant hunt and the women prepared pheasant sandwiches which they took to Aberdeen and served for the USO when the train carrying soldiers stopped at the Milwaukee depot. They also sponsored parties for servicemen home on furlough. Fourteen such parties were held from June 1943 until Dec. 1943. Each soldier was presented with a purse of money from the community.

The Odd Fellows Hall was moved on to the school ground early in the 1950's. The Community Club was disbanded, as there was no suitable place to meet and a lack of interest.

GUELPH LITERARY SOCIETY

by Esther Beck

The Literary Society was organized in the late 1800's (about 1895). Usually a debate was held followed by a program at which a newspaper was read. This newspaper was called "The Guelph Breeze". It contained several newsworthy happenings or events. Most of the items were of humorous nature about people of the community, and meant to entertain.

The Literary Society was discontinued for a time, but in a few years was re-organized. The following was an excerpt from the "Guelph Breeze" of 1910:

"A Literary Society was organized Saturday evening, Dec. 10, 1910, with L. N. Puffer, President; L. Hagen, Vice-President; and Carry Wright, Secretary.

"The following program will be rendered next Saturday evening, Dec. 17: A debate 'Resolved that statesmen have done more for their country than soldiers.'

"Affirmative: L. Hagen, Lon Puffer, Amos Waite, Albert Moore.

"Negative: M.H. Puffer, Wm. Linville, J. Jones, Mrs. Frank Courtney

"A song: Annie Dennison
"Recitations: Clendon Waite
"Readings: Jake Grady, Rudolph Robbie
"Song: Wm Linville
"Recitation: Waldon Waite
"Accordion Solo: Amos Waite
"Readings: Caroline Wright and Mrs. Puffer
"Recitation: Hobart Jones
"Solo: Violet Waite
"Recitations: Lottie Puffer, Ruth Wagner, Lela Cowley"

Later, home talent plays were given. Mr. and Mrs. Van Meter and J. J. Wallace were among those who had parts in the plays. At one of the programs Mrs. Folsom of Ludden gave a very interesting recitation entitled "Five Silver Forks".

In the 1920's, the Parent-Teachers Association took the place of the Literary Society. The organization, however, was really more for entertainment, and had nothing to do with the intended purpose of P.T.A. Everyone in the community attended, and the programs were similar to those of the old Literary Society.

It was decided to hold the P.T.A. meetings at the school with only the parents and teachers attending, much to the disappointment of the young folks of the community. A Literary Society was again organized, but due to lack of interest, was finally discontinued.

4-H CLUBS IN THE GUELPH AREA 1928-1983

The Smith-Lever Act of 1914 authorized the establishment of the Cooperative Extension Service for the purpose of distributing useful and practical information on agriculture, home economics and related subjects to the people of the United States. This was the beginning of 4-H, although youth and 4-H type programs had started much earlier.

Records show that 4-H clubwork was in existence in our area in 1928. Clubs and leaders have been as follows:

Peppy Dozen	Mrs. Harry Young
Prairie Needles	Mrs. James Simmons
Future Farmers	Art Hokana
Little Home Crafters	Gladys Oliason
	Mrs. Ed Perlenfein
	Mrs. Emil Hokana

Home Crafters	Mrs. Art Hokana
	Mrs. Hilda Hokana
	Florence Hokana
	Gladys Burlingame
Girls Van Ada	Gladys Burlingame
	Mrs. Bob Higgs
Prairie Partners	Mrs. Winnie Norton
Ludden Livewires	Mrs. Carl Oswald
	Mrs. F. H. Voightman
Prairie Homemakers	Mrs. Esther Beck
	Mrs. Jennie Hayenga
	Wilma Schwarting
Prairie Partners	Palmer Vie
	Rudolph Sell
Van Ada	Mrs. James White
	James White
	Ed Morlock
Jet Propelled	Claire Filbert
	Rose Burgess
	Don Remillard
	Mr. and Mrs. Walt Webster
Atomic Workers	Mrs. Ray (Mildred) Brown
	Mrs. James (JoAnn) Moore
	Mrs. Rudy Sell (Ruth)
	Mrs. Leo (Shirley) German
	Mrs. Wm. (Pearl) Thorpe
	Mrs. Ben (Virginia) Scheffert
Dakota 4-H'ers	Frank Hansen
	Wallace Maddock
	Albert Swearingen
	Leo German
	Ben Scheffert
Dakota Workers	Mrs. James (JoAnn) Moore
	Mrs. Carroll (Ella) Waite
	Mrs. Larry (Nancy) Hansen
	Larry Hansen
	Gary Maddock
	Clyde Hauser, Jr.
	Ron Sell
	Darrell Doggett
	Mrs. Darrell Doggett (Cleone)
	Mrs. Ray (Janet) Burkhardt
	John R. Hanson
	Ross Kornkven
	Lynn Spiry
	Mrs. LeRoy (Lila) Wolff

Present Leaders:

Mrs. Marvin (Gwen) Hansen
Mrs. Robert (Mildred) Young
Mrs. Allen (Mary) Hansen
Larry Weseloh
James Waite
Mrs. Richard (LaVerne) Schmitz
Mrs. Rod (Rose) Sell
Barbara Young

HISTORY OF 4-H CLUBS AT GUELPH

by JoAnn Moore
30 year 4-H Leader

Atomic Workers was organized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Brown in Guelph. The Guelph Homemakers Club was the 4-H sponsor. They were to furnish an adult leader out of their membership. They were to encourage the members of the 4-H Club by buying some equipment for them to use at their meetings, such as measuring spoons, cups, etc. The first year the major project was Foods. Another way they gave encouragement was they matched the money they received for their achievement project in the fall.

The Atomic Workers and the Dakota 4-Hers built a float for the 4-H parade in Oakes. They used a flat-bed trailer, had a large 4-H clover on it, and the boys had a live calf and the girls were making cookies on a pretend stove. Our son John was born a week before Achievement Days in 1951. It was the first of many Achievement Days and parades.

We had our meetings in the homes of the girls. I believe the boys' club did the same.

Kenney Olson was the county agent when we organized. He attended our organizational meeting. Officers elected for the first year were Patricia Hauser (Kendall), President; Marilyn Brown (Folkstad), Vice President; Jewel Maddock (Hubbard), secretary; Myrna Hauser (Wedel), Treasurer. Other members were Beverly Anderson, Sharon Bymers, Louise Quandt, Gloria Thorpe, Patricia Schroeder.

Guelph 4-Hers have played a very active part in their community, county and state. Their projects covered a range of work—speech, demonstrations in foods, sewing and home-living. Since the local school did not have Home Economics and Vocational Agriculture, the 4-H filled in this part of their education. The boys had cattle, grain, farm machinery and lots of special projects—photography, handicraft, drawing. This is only a few of the projects that the members had. Horsemenaship was very interesting to several members. The club has won trips to Fargo, Minneapolis, Washington, D.C., Denver, Colo., and the State Fair in Minot, ND.

As retiring local leader, I feel the past thirty years (one-half of my life) has been a very learning experience for me as well as an enjoyable one also for all the 4-Hers over this time.

They are still expanding their lives as they practice the things they learned in 4-H as the club continues in this area.

THE DAKOTA WORKERS 4-H CLUB

The Dakota Workers 4-H Club was formed when the Atomic Workers (girls) and the Dakota 4-Hers (boys) joined together in 1964. This is the present club at Guelph. We have 25 members, seven regular leaders and one special leader.

Through 4-H, young people learn the value of hands-on experience and hard work. They receive personal satisfaction from their efforts, and recognition for their achievements. The 4-H mottos 'To Make the Best Better' and 'Learn By Doing' are the keys for personal development and improving skills. Goals have remained much the same over the span of years, even if methods have changed. In 1923, the girls had to know how to fire a coal burning stove in addition to knowing how to mix and knead bread. What a contrast today with our electric mixers and electric ovens to help make the perfect loaf. Sewing a garment on a treadle machine may have been more difficult than sewing today on an electric machine with all of its extra stitches and gadgets, but the goal of a well-made garment is still the same.

The number and kinds of projects available are ever increasing to expand beyond agriculture and home economics. Today we study rocketry, radio, science, citizenship and social concerns. Tomorrow we will be computer orientated.

But it is not all work! We have had time for family picnics and suppers, club tours, 4-H Follies, basketball fun-days, skiing, and skating. There have been camping experiences at the Cheyenne 4-H Camp near Leonard, ND, at the State Fair in Minot, and at Conservation Camp either at Lake Metigoshe or Washburn. The headliner of all has been the week at 4-H Institute at Fargo: attending as a delegate or as a contestant in the State Speech and Demonstration Contests.

Our members have had learning experiences beyond their local club programs and county contests. They have achieved state honors in showing livestock. Members have been on county judging teams that have placed first in State Home Economics judging, State horse judging, and second in Livestock judging. They have been in the top five in State Crops judging contests, the top ten in the State 4-H in Revue areas of food, home management and clothing. Beyond placing in the top ten in the clothing area, they have been in the State Court of Honor, which is the dress revue. They have been in the State Tractor Driving Contests.

Rewards for this outstanding achievement have been trips to National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago, Food Awareness Tours to Minneapolis, Grain Marketing and Agribusiness trips to Minneapolis, National Livestock Judging at Denver, National Horse Congress at Dallas, National Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C. One of our members became a 4-H Ambassador and an International 4-H Youth Exchange to Holland.

Two of our present leaders were members of the first all-girl State Dairy Judging Team to go to the National Dairy Judging Contest in Waterlood, Iowa. (LaVerne Weight Schmitz and Gwen Hankel Hansen). Another attended 4-H Club Congress from her home state of Iowa (Mary Young Hansen.)

Opportunites in 4-H have reached out to other states and nations. We have had interstate exchanges with Iowa, Nebraska, Wisconsin, Michigan and Minnesota where our members have visited with 4-H club members in those states and young people from there have spent a week with us. Local Families have hosted young people from Japan, Norway and Canada. Our young people have visited club members in Canada and the Netherlands in Europe.

The 4-H activities are designed to be educational and to help members expand their horizona. Ribbons and awards are the result of projects well done, but what is important is knowing they have done their best and have learned something useful in doing them. If 4-H has helped their members in some small way to find their place in tomorrow's world, it has accomplished it's goal.



Dakota Workers 4-H Club, December 6, 1982.
Back row, left to right: Larry Weseloh, Rose Sell, LaVerne Schmitz, Gwen Hansen, Scott Young, Steve Hansen, Mary Hansen. Second row from back: Chris Weseloh, Daniel Hansen, Harvey Scheffert, Tracy Freeland, Lisa Schmitz, Janelle Buro, Harold Scheffert, Patrick Young. Kneeling and seated: Jay Hansen, Chandell Visto, Kirsten Weseloh, Renae Sell, Angela Hansen, Jennifer Hokana, Scott Hansen, Jodi Burkhardt. Front row: Chrissy maddock, Marie German, Brenda German, Robert Thorpe, Troy Freeland, Ryan Thorpe.



Leaders: Mrs. Allen (Mary) Hansen, Mrs. Richar (LaVerne Schmitz), Larry Weseloh, Mrs. Ron (Rose) Sell, Mrs. Marvin (Gwen) Hansen. Not pictured: James Waite, Mrs. Robert (Mildred) Young, Barbara Young.

GUELPH HOMEMAKERS CLUB

The Guelph Homemakers Club was organized at home of Mrs. Ray Brown August, 1946. There were nine charter members: Mrs. John Maddock, Mrs. Walt Beck, Mrs. Eino Visto, Mrs. Wayne Wentzel, Mrs. Perry Pederson, Mrs. Wallace Maddock, Mrs. Clyde Hauser, Sr., Mrs. Ray Brown, and Mrs. Fred Hayenga.



Charter members of Guelph Homemakers Aug. 1947.

Mrs. Brown was elected president; Mrs. Beck, vice president; Mrs. Pederson secretary; Mrs. Wentzel, treasurer; and Mrs. John Maddock, program chairman.

By 1952 we had 24 members and at least 22 pre-school children.

We took all the major lessons in cooking, sewing and home management, also, many minor lessons, such as Stephan Foster songs, at home with good manners, drivers' aid, safety and let's celebrate.

At one meeting at the home of Mrs. Pederson, we were having our lesson and all the children were outside playing. We heard the hens making a great noise in the hen house. All the mothers rushed out and found the children quickly gathering Mrs. Pederson's eggs. They weren't gathering them for her, but were having a merry time throwing them against the buildings. Needless to say that was the end of the lesson for that meeting.

At our Christmas party in 1956 at the home of Mrs. Visto, we had more pre-school children than members present. We decided it was just too hard to entertain so many at one time. About eight of the younger members left our club and formed the Prairie Partners Homemakers Club.

Some of the activities we took part in were Achievement days, doing Red Cross sewing, made scrap books for a children's home, sponsored the 25th wedding anniversary for Carl and Alice Grady and the 40th anniversary for Clint and Emma Von Eschen, made a quilt, toured school for blind, the American News and T.V. station in Aberdeen.

At the Christmas party each year we would draw names for a secret pal to be remembered with a gift on her anniversary and birthday. The name was revealed at the next Christmas on her Christmas gift.

In the fall of 1965 we decided we would drop the homemakers club because no one seemed to have time to take and give major lessons. We formed a Chat and Stitch Club to meet once a month, but that didn't last long, as many of our members went back to work after families were grown or found other interests.

DAKOTA PRAIRIE HOMEMAKERS

The Dakota Prairie Homemakers Club was organized June 27, 1955 with seven charter members: Mesdames Joan (Howard) Andersen, Jean (Royal) Berntson, Norma Hauser, Ruth (Rudy) Sell, Karen (Roland) Waite, Phyllis (Albert) Young, Mildred (Robert) Young.

Joining later were Janean (Ray) Hollan, Trudy (Ralph) Schroeder, Anna Mae (Vern) Courtney, Pat (Jay) Kendall, Hildie (Robert) Radtke, Laura (Ray) Alkofer, Doreen (Jerry) Dell, Joan (Adam) Miller, Alina (Vern) Gelling, Bernie (Walter) Quandt, Dorothy Kolasch, Betty (Darrell) Doggett, June (Lee) Bridwell.

The meetings were held once a month with members taking turns as hostess, officer or lesson leader. Members would receive instructions for lessons from State Extension specialists and then would teach the lessons to their local club. Lessons were given on Nutrition, Sewing Techniques or Fashion, Home Management, Safety, Citizenship, etc. Members shared special talents such as cake decorating, pastry and candy making, or crafts such as making flowers from wood fibre, corsages from pheasant feathers, earrings from seashells or braided plastic. We made copper pictures, etched beautiful designs on aluminum trays and did other special crafts.

We exchanged names once a year for 'secret pals'. The object was to surprise the secret pal with a gift on her birthday, wedding anniversary, and Christmas without giving away our identity. What fun it was to smuggle a gift into the meeting without our secret pal noticing who brought it! What a challenge to find unique ways to put her name on her gift! We wrote left-handed, wrote her name backwards, or clipped names or letters from the newspaper to add to the disguise. We would reveal who we were at the Christmas meeting and then redraw new names for another year of fun.

In 1962 we developed our stage talents and presented a skit at the P.T.O. Basket Social. It was entitled "How the Story Grew" and as the name implies, it illustrated how a simple story was started and how it changed as it was retold.

In addition to the serious side of our club work which was doing our best to give lessons and being good club officers, we did have a lot of fun times. Whenever a new baby was expected, we had a cradle shower. Santa was a regular guest at our family

Christmas parties. Eventually we had to have Santa's wife or his helper deliver gifts because the older children began to recognize Santa's voice. We had summer picnics at Roy Lake in S.D. The fathers were kept busy swimming with the older children while the mothers helped the younger ones make sand castles on shore.

At one time we were ten members and our total number of children was thirty five. The human race would not be snuffed out at Guelph, N.D. As the older children entered school, we became active in P.T.O., Band Mothers, 4-H, etc. We discontinued our club group in 1967. We had shared many joys and blessings, sorrows and disappointments. We had grown in caring and understanding one another and became friends forever.

DAKOTA HOMEMAKERS CLUB

Dakota Homemakers Club was organized on September 24, 1970, at which time Nancy Hansen was elected president, Martha Pederson, vice-president and Rose Sell, secretary-treasurer. Other members during the length of time we were organized were: Lana Berger, Sandra Burkhardt, Carol Burlingame, Beverly Dunn, Mary Hansen, Eleyn Holcomb, Betty Knecht, Janet Krenz, Madella Scheffert, Amy Sullivan and Vivian Weseloh.

Some of the activities the club took part in were making quilt blocks which were sent to the county council quilt project; attending the Fashion Fair at Jamestown; holding a rummage sale, the proceeds of which were given to the School for the Blind in Aberdeen and cookies were taken to a Nursing Home.

Because of other commitments, the club disbanded in May of 1976 and money left in the treasury was sent to the Crippled Children's School in Jamestown.

THE GUELPH GARDEN CLUB

The Guelph Garden Club was organized May 20, 1964 at a meeting held at the home of Mrs. Raymond Burkhardt. Original members were: Joan Andersen, Mildred Brown, Janet Burkhardt, Isabelle Filbert, Mae Holmes, Janeen Hollan, Dolores Young, Mildred Young, Nancy Hansen, and Jean Bertnson. Officers elected that day were: President—Dolores Young, Vice-President—Mildred Young, Sec.-Treas.—Janet Burkhardt and Historian—Joan Andersen.

The group has toured places of interest, such as the Oakes Nursery, Whitestone Battlefield, Mrs. Rudolph Lemke's gardens at Kulm, Inez Redlin's gardens at Ellendale, Mrs. Tony Brummond's garden, greenhouses in Aberdeen and Earl Kraft's rose garden, among others. Swanson's Greenhouse and Floral Park has been a favorite and has been visited each year by the Club. We have learned much from these tours. in Aug. 1982 the group toured the Dakotah quilt factory at Webster, SD, for a change of pace!

Harry Graves, extension horticulturist, visited our club and gave recommendations on proper plantings for the Guelph School grounds. In 1965 the club received a geant for $150.00 from the Sears Foundation. $250.00 was received in 1966. This money was used to plant the lawn at the Guelph School. Foundation plantings were added later.

The past several years our main objective has been planting and caring for the flower beds and other plantings at the Guelph School.



BACK ROW: Isabelle Filbert, Gladys Oliason, Ella Waite, Esther Beck, Dolores Young, Mae Holmes. FRONT ROW: Mildred Brown, Vivian Weseloh, Karen Waite, Norma Hauser.

Mildred Brown, Esther Beck, Karen Waite, Vivian Weseloh, Gladys Oliason, Isabelle Filbert, Mae Holmes, Norma Hauser, Ella Waite and Dolores Young are the members in 1982. Mildred, Isabelle, Dolores and Mae have been members since the club was organized.

We have learned much from each other by working together and sharing ideas the past 18 years. We hope people have enjoyed the "spot of beauty" we have tried to create in our town, Guelph, N.D.

GUELPH BOWHUNTERS ARCHERY CLUB

The Guelph Bowhunters were organized in 1955. Members were Tony Alkofer, Ray and Laura Alkofer, Eugene Burlingame, Willis Brady, Keith Bymers, Vernon Courtney, Darrell Doggett, Eddie German, Ralph Linvill, Bill Pfeifer, Walt and Maxine Pfeifer, Ronnie Provost, Walt and Bernie Quandt, Fred, Roy and Paul Quandt, Robert and Hildie Radtke, Harold and Barbara Redmond, Ralph and Trudy Schroeder, Carroll and Ella Waite, Richard Wolff, Floyd and Robert Young.

The first meetings were held at Alva Burley's Cafe in Guelph. Films on archery, pheasants and their habits, and big game hunting were part of the programs. Bows that were in use were recurve, straight, laminated and fiberglass. They were selected according to their pounds of pull. Arrows were of aluminum or wood. The members made their target and hunting arrows, doing their own type of feather fletching and painting their special crests on the shaft, thus making owner identification very simple.

Outdoor archery ranges were set up in groves with different kinds of targets and placed at various shooting distances. It was a family affair, the younger children delighted in carrying Mom or Dad's quiver and then identifying who had hit the target dead center! After much practice, the members were ready for serious hunting in the fall. In 1956, on opening day of bow season on deer, Richard Wolff, Monango, was the first member of the club to bag his deer which was a nice four point buck.

By 1960 they were skilled marksmen and decided it was time to try more challenging hunting. What could be more challenging than the quick and elusive antelope! Several members had a successful hunt in the beautiful badlands near Belfield. They shared their antelope and venison and hosted a club supper for their families at one of the winter meetings.

The club had a NFAA (National Field Archery Association) approved field range with 28 targets in a grove northeast of Guelph. One of the tournaments on record in 1963 had 27 participants from Fargo, Britton, Webster, Aberdeen and Ortonville, MN clubs in addition to the local members.

Richard Wolff, Robert Radtke, Harold and Barbara Redmond were winners in their specified classes. Tournament competition was also hosted in 1964. The club attended meets of other clubs. A most interesting tourney was held on the sandhills range at the colorful Bohnsack Ranch near Sheldon, ND. Wintertime indoor competition was held at Aberdeen and Bismarck. At a State Tournament in Bismarck in 1963, Richard Wolff, Barbara Redmond and Robert Radtke received outstanding recognition again.

Harold Redmond held the title of N.D. State Champion in bare bow competition for five years, and also held the Tri-State (N.D., Minn., S.D.) title for three years. Barbara was a N.D. State Champion in sight shooters competition. Laura Alkofer holds the highest ceiling score of the club for indoor shooting.

Family activities included picnics and hikes at Weber's Gulch west of Forbes, and a pheasant feed at the Archery Ranger. Turkey suppers were prepared by the fellows for their families during the winter months. They sponsored three public dances. Orchestras hired were Johnny Heider's of Bismarck and Art Hollan's of Kulm.

After the gym was completed at Guelph, the club had an indoor archery range. As school activities predominated, the course was moved to Ellendale.

Some of the original members are still enjoying the special challenge of hunting by bow and now have their sons sharing in the sport with them.



Guelph Bowhunters left to right: Robert young, Floyd Young, Ronnie Provost, Carroll Waite, Darrell Doggett.



Robert Young and Son Roger with deer shot by bow and arrow (member of Guelph Bowhunters)

BASEBALL

The Guelph community always had a keen interest in baseball. This was true, as well of the entire surrounding area. Every small town had a baseball team. Teams often traveled long distances to games. Transportation was usually by truck with the men standing up in the back.

As early as 1908 a news item from the **Dickey County Leader** stated that "The Guelph nine went to Forbes to play the team there. The game was 4 to 1 in favour of Forbes."

In the spring of 1911 the Silverleaf baseball team "was crossing" bats with the NI of Ellendale. The Silverleaf line-up consisted of T. Hoops, J. Collet, J. Carlson, and J. McKeegue. In June, 1911 this team played Guelph. Silverleaf won the first game and Guelph won the second game. The game was well-attended.

On a Sunday Silverleaf picked up a baseball nine and journeyed to Guelph where they met with the Guelph team. Owing to the fact that it was on the Sabbath and being played within the city limits, the game was stopped by the mayor in the sixth inning. Wallace and T. Hoops were Silverleaf's batter and Bailey and Oliason for Guelph.

An organization to ban baseball was considered at this time. Feelings ran strong among some that baseball should not be played on Sunday.

A retired baseball editor wrote the following - "The devil was the first coach. He coached Eve when she stole first. Adam stole second. When Isaac met Rebecca at the well she was walking with a pitcher. Sampson stuck out a good many times when he slew the Phillistines. Moses made his first run when he slew the Egyptians. Cain made a base hit when he slew Abel. Abraham made a sacrifice. The prodigal son made a home run. David was a long distance thrower and Moses shut out the Egyptians at the Red Sea."

The following excerpt from the **Oakes Journal** of July 13, 1911, illustrates how seriously citizens took baseball. Editor Kellog wrote the following about H. C. Peek, umpire, in a game between Oakes and Ellendale - "H. C. Peek is about as 'rotten' an umpire as ever stood behind a bat. Oh, you cornflake, when did you get in the game? You ivory dome, cement head, marble top, what do you know about an umpire or a ball game? Who's rotten, you piker? Did you get your opinion from a correspondence course? You look about as much at home watching a baseball game as an Artic explorer would in a linen suit! Oh, you Mellin's food kid! Come on, baby, and sip the condensed milk. Try force it; it makes a good diet. Why we saw you ramming around at that ball game like a hand-painted breeze. You big, long drink of water you. You wouldn't know a foul from a two-base hit unless some kid put you wise. Better change the air in that bean you carry around on top of your shoulders to keep your collar on, you mutt. Did you see a ball game at a moving picture show once? Come Willie, put your coat on or mama's boy will catch cold. Roll over, you're on your back. That bunch on top of your shoulders would look better on a gate post. Lie down and play dead."

On March 23, 1915, a basket social was held for the benefit of the baseball team. Forty dollars was raised. In April the married men played the single men with the marrieds winning 6 to 3.



Guelph girls baseball team.

A ladies baseball team was organized in about 1915. Some of the ladies on the team were Dora McKeg, Anna McGinnis, Lela Cowley, Hazel McGinnis, Allie Cowley and Winnie Norton.

In April, 1917, a baseball meeting was held in the I.O.O.F. hall. The following officers were elected for the 1917 season. J.J. Wallace, manager; H.C. VanMeter, treasurer and Captain. Their purpose, they stated, was to represent Guelph with a strong team. They said they would like to hear from any of the neighboring towns for dates to play them.

On May 14, 1925, the Guelph men organized a baseball team. The team consisted of the following: Herb VanMeter, pitcher; Frank McGivern, pitcher and second base; Jim McGivern, catcher, third base and infield; Truman Root, catcher; Jim Wallace, first base; Ken Waite, third base; Richard McGivern, outfield; John Tobin outfield; Dale Newman, outfield; and Hank Anderson, outfield. Buck Enger pitched part time. Jack Horner and Joe Day from Columbia and Houghton, SD were hired players.

When several men on this team (1925) left the community, younger players kept joining so Guelph continued to have a team.



FRONT: ?, a hired player, Frank McGivern, Truman Root, and Ed Sell. BACK: Rudy Sell, ?, Dale Newman, Richard McGivern, Jim McGivern and Billy Norton.

A baseball team organized about 1926-28 consisted of the following: Frank McGivern, pitcher; also a hired pitcher; Truman Root, catcher; and a hired catcher, Jim McGivern, first base; Rudy Sell, second base; Richard McGivern, short stop; Ed Sell, Dale Newman and Billy Norton, outfield.

In the 1920's Harry Newman, Hank Anderson, Herb Van Meter, and the Bliss boys played baseball. Herb Van Meter drove a Chandler to practice. On one occasion he had three of his young sons with him. On the way home one of the boys fell out of the car. Herb did not stop the car as it made so much noise, he could not hear the boy's cry for help. Fortunately, he was not injured.

In 1930 Guelph and Ludden together organized a baseball team. Heine Meyer was the manager. Members of the team were-pitchers, George German and Les Turner; catcher, Rudy Sell; first base Walt Beck. Others on the team were Jerome German. Lawrence German, Frank German, Ben German, Ole Randall, Bern Lockala, and John Kilchenman.

Heine Meyer always treated the team upon its arrival back to Ludden after a game. Lunch was a liverwurst sandwich and a bottle of pop at the Ludden Cafe.

Upon one occasion when the team played at Straubville, the game had to be stopped to chase the flickertails off the field as the players could not tell it they were chasing the baseball or a flickertail.

The Matt German family had a team of their own. Even the daughter, Lucille, played on the team. An interesting news item concerning an exciting game played in the 1930's appeared as follows in a local paper: "Germans Are Defeated - In one of the fastest games played on the local diamond, the Ludden boys defeated the Germans 6 to 5. The playing time was one hour and 23 minutes. It was an interesting contest and anybody's game until the last man was out. One of the features of the game was when Manager Meyers loaned Turner to the Germans for catcher, and then protested at the start of the game that Turner was not a German. Matt quickly solved the question by rubbing a can of sauerkraut in Les' hair and initiating him a German. Then the game proceeded. Pity the poor boy who gets Lucille for a wife - a perfect picture of womanhood standing at the plate with a club in her hand called a bat, and working McGivern for a pass and scoring on an error and a hit. Ludden had poor support, even from the crowd, who were all for the Germans".

At one time Guelph hired a young pitcher from Iowa. He played two games, losing both of them. Upon resigning he said, "You fellows play too fast ball for me, I'm leaving." Two colored players were hired, a pitcher and a catcher who was lame. They stayed all summer with the Van Meters and did odd jobs to help out on their living expenses. On June 14, 1923, J.D. Root motored to Oakes to get Jack Hubbard, who pitched for the Guelph team that season.

One Fourth of July Guelph played Hankinson at Oakes. J.D. Root was the manager. Since the team had hired pitchers to come in, the game was insured for $200.00. If it rained one-half inch or more, the team was to be paid $200.00. It rained over one-half inch so the insurance was paid, but it dried off and the game was played anyway.



1936 - FRONT: James Wallace, Vernon Moore, Leslie Baker, Lawrence Alkofer, Harold Baker, Jim Moore, Garth Holmes. BACK: Claude White, Ben German, Wesley Greenwald, Glyn Beecher, Jerome German.

In June 1936, a boy's basketball team consisted of the following players: James Wallace, Vernon Moore, Leslie Baker, Lawrence Alkofer, Harold Baker, Jim Moore, Garth Holmes, Claude White, Ben German, Wesley Greenwald, Glyn Beecher, and Jerome German.

in 1946, Guelph organized the last men's team that Guelph had. Ben German was the manager. Team members were: Jim Moore, Junior German, Louis German, Eddie German, Jack Hayenga, Vern Courtney, Clyde Hauser, Jr., Ray Alkofer and Rudy Sell. Jack Hayenga had the misfortune to break his leg at one of the home games. E. A. Visto, implement dealer at Guelph, furnished the team with uniforms. They were blue and white and "Guelph Auto Service" appeared across the back of the uniform.

The first baseball diamond was west of Guelph near the railroad bridge. Later it was moved to the site in town where Francis Maddock's grain bins now stand. In the 1940 and 1950's the diamond was east of Guelph across the highway from the John Meyer farm on Mrs. Root's land. The diamond was moved north of the Guelph school about 1960 where it has been since. It is used by the Women's softball team.



BACK ROW: Carol Hokana, Dixie Rempher, Ann Snyder, Brenda Holmes and Sharon Young. 2ND ROW: Don Henniger-Umpire, Val Youle, Shelly Hansen, Angie Hansen, Linda Holmes, Madella Scheffert, Mary Hansen. FRONT ROW: Chris German, Joan Ray. MISSING: Elizabeth Ray, Julie Hyatt, Mona Visto, manager.

After many years without a women's softball team, Jerry and Brenda Holmes of rural Guelph organized the Guelph Women's Softball Team in 1976. The field north of the school was badly in need of repair, and the bases and base lines were not legal. Jerry and Brenda, with the help of the team, measured and inserted new bases, filled holes, put up snow fences, and installed foul lines. With a shortage of women and girls interested in softball in the area, they have recruited girls from Ludden, Oakes, and Ellendale.

The team through the last few years has been a good team and they have made their name known. In 1979 they won the district tournament entitling them to participate in the State Class D tournament at Minot, North Dakota. They belong to an organization called the Sheyenne Valley League and compete with 13 other teams in the southeast part of the state. The team's schedule runs twice a week from May to July. They are able to keep a team at Guelph due to the generous donations of local businesses and the hard work of the manager, coaches, and umpires.

There remains a lively interest in sports in the Guelph community. Although the town has no organized men's team, several young men play softball in the Oakes league. They are Kurt Courtney, Larry Thorpe, John Hokana, Stan Hokana and Jim German. Tom Pahl is a pitcher for the Claremont, South Dakota, baseball team.

These young men and women carry on the tradition and interest in baseball and softball in the community - an interest that had its beginning at the turn of the century.

MOVIES

The IOOF hall was the place to go to see movies as early as January 13, 1916. The Odd Fellows decided to give shows regularly as soon as a few little details were worked out. The movies were shown weekly and usually on Friday nights to large crowds. Sometimes the movies were 4 reels long.

By the 2nd of March, the Guelph orchestra played during the evening. They received enthusiastic applause after playing about a dozen selections. The crowd liked it so much that the orchestra played weekly after the movies.

One of the movies shown was "The Secret Seven" on April 27, 1916.

Saturday night was tried but soon went back to Friday.

In March of 1916 the Odd Fellows hired Richard McGivern to be janitor for the hall for 25¢ per week, and he was to get in free for the movies.

The Odd Fellows decided to quit having movies so a committee of J.D. Root, Harry Newman and H.A. Anderson disposed of the projector in February 1922.

CHAUTAUQUA

July 19, 1928

The people of Guelph and community have enjoyed the programs given by the United Chautauqua the past week. The entertainments were so satisfactory that they have engaged this company for next year.

(The business men of Guelph had to guarantee a certain amount for the Chautauqua company so had to get out and sell tickets. The young people of the community were intrigued by the high heels worn by some of the women entertainers. One of the women wished to have some soft water with which to wash her hair. Two local girls obliged by bringing her a quart of water.)

May 29, 1930

The United Chautauqua will open June 10 and continue the 11th, 12th, and 13th.

June 12, 1930

The Chautauqua will close this year's program Friday. There will be a 3 act comedy "Friendly Troubles" in the afternoon and the best play, "The Patsy" in the evening.

MEDICINE SHOW

May 26, 1926

There was a medicine show in town all last week. Miss Augusta Burow was the recipient of the Manicure set given away by them for being the most popular young lady and receiving the largest number of votes.

CIRCUS

July 6, 1940

The Hall's trained animal circus and menagerie exhibited here Wednesday evening and had a good attendance. The elephant was tethered south of the bank building. One of the Guelph business girls had a free ride on the elephant as it was taken for water and she pronounced it interesting. (Dorothy S.)

LAKE GENEVIEVE

This lake was located west of the Courtney Farm, a mile north of Guelph. The water came from an artesian well of Courtneys, and of course rain and snow contributed it's share. Many enjoyable hours were spent there swimming and boating in summer and skating in winters. Courtneys also built a bath house for the convenience of the swimmers.

The following are items taken from news clippings written by Guelph correspondent July 28, 1910.

"A very pleasant social event was the christening of the new boat at Lake Genevieve last Saturday. The young people of the neighborhood gathered at the home of F. Courtney to enjoy the event. L.N. Puffer acted as spokesman. Standing on the shores of the lake he briefly contrasted the pleasure those gathered together would doubtless derive from the boat as compared with greater ships on larger bodies of water, to many inaccessible because of the remoteness. Miss Imogene Dunton of Ellendale then christened the boat "The Comet" after which a short row was enjoyed by the two chief participants. The company then adjourned to the house and passed the remainder of the evening with games and refreshments were served. Soon after midnight they dispersed with the memory of a very enjoyable time lingering in their consciousness.

Oh Comet, may thy sailing be
Calm as thy namesake in the sky,
and, tho set sail in stormy wave,
With roaring wind, and clouds o'ver head
Yet may thy course be safely led.
Thy, lot, the happy hours to save
Thy work the smaller waves to brave.
In humble hearts thy love shall dwell
Oh Comet we would speed thee well."

December 1, 1910

"Thanksgiving was warm and clear. About fifty gathered at Lake Genevieve to enjoy the skating. F.A. Courtney had manufactured a merry-go-round and with a sled furnished amusement to both young and old. But like an auto ride, 30 miles does not seem to satisfy and the distance must be doubled. While going as swiftly as possible, a small boy was whirled from the sled, tripping Miss Burleigh, striking on the back of her head. She was picked up and carried to F.A. Courtneys where she was in a semiconcious condition for a couple hours but recovered sufficiently to be taken to her home. Friday she was practically recovered."

December 8, 1910

"The skating party at the lake Saturday evening was enjoyed by a dozen or more. Skating is exceptionally fine."

The lake continued to be a place for much enjoyment for many until it dried up in the "Dirty Thirties."

Not only was the lake used for enjoyment, but baptismal services were held there. Several names on the records of the Guelph Methodist Church are listed as having been baptized there. This was baptism by immersion.

SING-N-AIRES



FRONT ROW: Anna Mae Courtney, Ella Waite, Mary Hansen, Gweneth Hansen, Martha Pederson BACK ROW: Brenda Courtney, Karen Waite, Lois Hokana, Fern Zeller, Joan Andersen, Marge Forward, Vivian Weseloh, Mae Holmes, Pearl Pahl.

The Sing-N-Aires—a local Ladies' Chorus—began its illustrious career in the summer of 1977. A number of ladies thought it would be fun to enter the Dickey County Fair Talent Show, so rehearsals were held, working up a comedy number entitled "Friendship." We dressed "farmer style" in bib overalls and straw hats. Our act was billed as "The Undertones". Although we didn't win a prize, our fame spread—and we were asked to entertain at the Farm Bureau banquet on Oct. 28, 1977. For that occasion, we changed our name to "Country Gals"—and changed our costume to long dresses. Our original members were: Martha Pederson, Janet Burkhardt, Ella Waite, Mary Hansen, Gweneth Hansen, Joan Andersen, Fern Zeller, Tina Tveter, Mickey Young, Karen Waite, and Vivian Weseloh. Others who joined us later through the years have been Lois Hokana, Betty Daniels, Anna Mae Courtney, Marge Forward, Mae Holmes, Pearl Pahl, Mary Thorstad, Linda Shelton, Marcie Claeys, and Norma Barnes.

In November of 1977, we sang at the Crop Improvement banquet, and once again changed our name—this time to the "Sing-N-Aires"—our present name.

Over the years, we have sung for many special occasions—retirement dinners, anniversary celebrations, threshing bees, ice cream socials, banquets, etc. We have even performed for Governor Olson! We also make regular outings to the Manors in Oakes and Ellendale to bring a little cheer to our dear senior citizens. All monies we might receive are used to purchase music for our group.

We try to have an annual potluck supper to which we invite our husbands. We have also hosted surprise "open houses", birthday parties, etc. On occasion, we have had Angie Hansen and Kirsten Weseloh accompany us with their flutes, and Matt Weseloh on drums.

In October 1979, we were saddened by the death of Betty Daniels; and our group served as honorary pallbearers at her funeral.

In January of 1980, Mary Hansen graciously accepted the job of director—we had previously sung undirected. We have had several accompanists over the years—Vivian Weseloh, Lorraine McCullough, and Brenda Courtney—and appreciate them all. Our present director is Vivian Weseloh.

The Sing-N-Aires individually and collectively love to sing and to spread a little sunshine wherever they go. If we can accomplish that—we are content!

GUELPH WHIRLAWAYS SQUARE DANCE CLUB

On April 25, 1964 a meeting was held to organize the Guelph Square Dance Club at the Vernon Courtney home. The first officers were: President - Robert and Mickey Young; Vice-President - Clyde and Norma Hauser; Secretary - Howard and Joan Andersen; Treasurer - Vernon and Anna Mae Courtney.

The first club caller was Ivan Becker. He continues to serve in that position. Norman Cross of Milnor was the first guest caller when he called the tips on March 22, 1965.

No rent was charged the Whirlaways until 1971 when the Guelph School started charging $5 an evening. Up until 1971, instead of paying an actual rent, the club purchased several things for school. These included placing an extension bell for the telephone into the gym, placing $100 towards the gym speaker system, repairing the shower rooms, purchasing a lawnmover, buying magazines and placing a trophy case in the hallway.

On February 16, 1966 the club danced on KABY-TV in Aberdeen. The club for a few years around 1970-71, danced part of their dances in Oakes. At about this same time, they had a teenage square dance group forming. Presently, we dance at various nursing homes and festivals.

The original members who are still active include Howard and Joan Andersen, Roland and Karen Waite and Robert and Mickey Young.

Currently there are twenty-five couples and three singles that belong to the Guelph Whirlaways. They come from the following towns: Guelph, Oakes, Ellendale, Fullerton, Hecla, Frederick and Aberdeen. Also at present, dances are held at the Guelph School from September through May.

SEWING CLUB AND OTHER CLUBS

by Theta Jensen

Mrs. H. J. Newman (Anna) founded the Ladies' Sewing Club which started about 1927 or 1928. Louise Hauser Waite and Anna Sell Maddock were among the first members. They met usually on Tuesday evenings in various homes, many times in "Ma" Newman's home.

There was no membership fee or officers. The ladies would bring their own fancy work, sew, talk, and have a lunch. Ladies moved into Guelph and joined while here. Usually birthdays were remembered with a birthday cake card, etc.

Anna Maddock remembers Mrs. J. J. Newman getting out a tan sateen material and had the ladies who attended her birthday party at her home April 25, 1928, sign their names on it. She later embroidered the names in various colors. In May, 1973, Anna Maddock visited Mrs. Newman's sister, Irene Staab June, at Kalispell, MT (Anna and Irene had attended Junior High together at Guelph). Irene gave that birthday pillow to Anna for the Guelph ladies to enjoy when they come to her home. Names on the pillow are: Mrs. H. J. Newman, April 25, 1928, Anna Newman 3rd (Mrs. Jess Newman), Hattie Olson, Mrs. Alice Grady, Pauline Maddock, Margaret Hauser, Mrs. H. A. Sell, Nora Peterson, Mrs. H. A. Anderson, Mrs. R. McGivern, Mrs. Harold Maddock, Georgia Maddock, Eleanor Olson, Mrs. C. Swanson, Mrs. C. B. Maddock.

Ladies Improvement Club

In 1916 on the 20th of April a group of Guelph ladies organized a club known as The Ladies Improvement Club. The object of this club was to develop friendly and social relations and to bind the women of the town together in an organization for individual and community advancement. Officers were: President, Mrs. H.M. Young; Vice-president, Mrs. H.J. Newman; Secretary, Mrs. Amos Waite; Treasurer, Winnie Wagner. The Club met twice a month. The club secured a traveling library from the Library Commission at Bismarck. Mrs. Charles Porter was the librarian and the books were kept at the restaurant.

New Era Club

On February 4, 1926, the New Era Club met at the Kathryn Howard home.

WCTU

October 22, 1925, the WCTU met at the home of Mrs. Wagner. Mrs. Shoemaker, district president gave a talk on the work and plans of the society. There were 8 to 10 members present. The next meeting will be held in a month.

On October 22, 1926, the WCTU met at the Schwarting home.

THE AUTOMOBILE

by Roland Waite

The first mention of an automobile to hit the Guelph news was in 1901. Not too bad, considering the first gasoline car in Lansing, Michigan, was in 1896! Shortly after that, on a Sunday afternoon, quite a bit of excitement was felt in Guelph when this noisy cloud of dust came down the buggy trail. Closer scrutiny revealed that in this dust were five autos, caravan style—and this was Guelph's first brush with Sunday drivers, and quite an unusual sight.

But these autos weren't so readily available yet, and not everyone had the cash or the credit to buy one; but in June of 1908, we find Mr. G. M. Baker arriving home from Minneapolis on a Sunday morning. He had the pleasure of having an overland trip in his new auto and seeing the beautiful country between here and Minneapolis. And below this item it stated: Mr. Baker had 3-minute ride from his place to Guelph. Mr. Baker lives 3 miles from Guelph. Shocking!

It didn't take Amos Waite long to get in "gear", for on June 10, 1909, we find this stated: "Amos Waite has his new auto which everyone pronounces a 'crackerjack.' His friends all wear a broad smile. The auto has an extra seat which so far has been filled."

Can't you see all the young swains drooling over that one? They surely were, for in 7-29-'09 it states: "The auto fever has struck Guelph and several of our young men intend buying in the near future."

When you get autos, you need service or a garage, so in May we find that "3 autos were laid up for repairs at the Guelph repair shop last Sat. J. Essinger, a graduate from an electrical college in Des Moines is able to repair anything in the line of autos, which is quite a benefit to tourists who have heretofore been obliged in case of an accident to have some farmers' team haul them to their destination." Besides that, it's embarassing to have all those "horses" under the hood and be towed by a couple of horses in front of the bumper!

And the first hint of an auto-related near catastrophe followed in December of 1909: "When Matt Essinger and brothers were putting his auto in the shop Friday, a can of gasoline exploded and covered him with the fluid which ignited. Fortunately, the ground was covered with snow, with which the 3 men covered him. Only the loss of his clothing and a slight burn on one hand was the result. The escape was narrow and he feels thankful his life was spared."

By now these "auto lovers" were finding it is fun to own one, but the payments can 'kill you' as is illustrated by the item of July 13, 1911: "Perhaps the most difficult problem that has been solved or attempted was tried in town last week when the International Harvester Company of Aberdeen attached and sold five horses, one rubber tired buggy, several new sets of harness, a new barn, and the auto which sold in April for $800; also a delivery wagon and still leaves the debtor with notes against him for several hundred dollars. Anyone who can give the correct solution is surely entitled to a chromo. The auto which had been used a few weeks was bought by the company for $350. Moral: Beware of the automen!"

There were other things to beware of as indicated by this concern: "Some of our city friends who are passing through Guelph at 50 m.p.h. will have to be careful about exceeding the speed limit, as it is impossible for little children to get out of the way after autos come over the hill east of town. Better take the south road if in too much of a hurry."

There is nothing like a new model car to cheer a fellow up, and Amos Waite needed some cheering. In Aug. of 1912, he'd lost his barn, buggy, harness, plow, shed, and some chickens, and his "crackerjack" auto was burned with the barn. In Sept. we find him coming home with a new Overland car.

In June of 1913, H. M. Young had purchased a fine motorcycle to "tool around" his mail route with, but by now Harry was getting the "bug" for an auto, too. But at his salary in those days, who could afford a new car? Well, you can always find the next best, so, in Oct. of 1912, one of those offers you can't resist presented itself in the form of a Buick runabout purchased from J. D. Root to use on the mail route. Bet the letters wouldn't get scattered half as far from here on! Mr. Root turned around and bought a new Ford from J. W. Bush of Oakes.

Night driving could be hazardous in the days of Nov. 1913, as espoused by this disgruntled motorist. He said, "There should be a law in this state as there is in some, that all vehicles should carry lights as well as autos; if that wagon with a team leading behind had had a light on, the man in the auto wouldn't have run his machine into that railing to prevent running into the wagon and team. It is time for all vehicles to carry lights!"

In Oct. of 1915, Mr. George Bliss had purchased a new Saxon. I wonder if it was a Saxon that Mary Waite drove her father and Mr. Bliss around in soliciting for elevator stock?

About the same time, Rev. Irwin of the Holiness Church here had the misfortune to run his auto off the grade and capsize. The accident occurred a mile south of Guelph. Mrs. Irwin and Mrs. Kirschner were with him. All escaped with slight bruises but Mrs. Kirschner. Her arm and head were hurt but not seriously."

In the same column, it mentions another new car buyer: "a Mr. Jimmie Wallace has purchased a new Overland. Let the good work go on!"

Here is an ad which should catch your eye if you were strapped for cash. It appeared in several issues of the **Dickey County Leader:**

"Automobiles to exchange. I have two fine passenger autos, each of which I will trade for a good young brood mare. Here is your chance. Will deal quick. Call at once. H. J. Johnson, Oakes."

There were many pitfalls to motoring back then, and a good tool box was almost a necessity. But then, you can't be prepared for every event as in this little outing in Sept. of 1915:

"Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Root and son autoed to 8 miles from Newark on Sunday. On their return trip they met Will McCoy and family; and, as Mr. McCoy was turning out of the road for another car to pass him, his car dropped into a hole hidden in the grass and it bent the radius rod on his car quite badly. Fortunately, they were near a farmhouse, and Mr. McCoy and Mr. Root

borrowed some tools from the farmer; and, with the use of his vise, had the rod straightened and back on the car in almost 2 hours and could proceed on their way. However, Mrs. McCoy and children went home with Mrs. Root and the rest went on to their destination without further trouble."

In October, J. W. Bush was out to Guelph demonstrating his "lovely new Overland car." Looked O.K. to Matt German. He bought one!

Carl Grady wasn't far behind. In early December, he was "Overlanding" between Oakes and Ellendale. A week later, he was showing off his new purchase by "taking Charlie Dennison along to Ellendale in his new Overland car to attend court. Mr. Grady stopped off at the **Leader** office and told them that he had threshed something like 9,000 bu. of grain and he was looking happy in consequence." Now we know why the farmers were in the car-buying mood. The crops were good.

The automobile was beginning to have quite an impact on farming and farmers as revealed in this reprint from the **Fargo Forum**:

"The Farm Automobile"

"The farm auto has done more for the 'back to the farm movement' or rather stay on the farm movement which is far more important than all that has been spoken and written on the subject. The auto has taken away from the farm one of the great drawbacks, isolation and consequent loneliness.

'Here is what a farmer said about the auto recently in the Farm and Fireside:

'When the knotter on the binder broke and the wind and clouds threatened bad weather on the morrow, the motor car took you to town and you were back with the new part before the horses had a good rest, and the field was cut by sundown.

'By this speedy, tireless helper, you would have a bigger and better market for butter, eggs, and poultry and vegetables and all the other smaller products on the farm. You don't need to kill a whole day going to town either. The boys can go to the moving picture show of the war; hear a concert of Sousa's band or can see the state league ball game when the work is not too pressing.

'The old homestead has become the most attractive place on earth for both the boys and the girls. The old folks are 20 years younger and spruced up like the young folks. They were going to retire to the city, but thought better of it when they bought the car.

'Yes, it's a bigger world and a better one we discovered. Do without a car? You might as well ask if we'd go back and live in a one-room shack. Our automobile is worth a big bubbling life to us.

'That phrase about the big 'bubbling life' is a good old-fashioned farmers' expression, but it meant a lot. There is a big lesson in this little sermon from a farmer who has tried an auto on the farm which the N.D. farmers who had not tried might take to heart. Get an auto with part of the proceeds of the crop this year and make your life and the life of your family 'big and bubbling over with joy and happiness.' "

Who was next for some of the good life? "Mr. and Mrs. F. Courtney and Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Baker were to Oakes Saturday in October's bright blue weather. While there, Mr. Baker purchased an Overland car of J. W. Bush." "Well, I swan!" (Sanford's favorite expression)

1915 was certainly a good year for the auto dealers. Cars were selling like hotcakes. H. R. Ferrell purchased F. A. Dennison's auto. Amos Waite was back in the market for a new 6 cylinder Buick and he was to be a Buick fan forever after. J. D. Root bought another new Ford and Frank Courtney was next to have one of the comforts as well as convenience, which is a Ford from none other than J. W. Bush.



Amos Waite and his car.

We take things for granted nowadays, but what did they do with the flivver back when

"The frost was on the window
And the kitchen pail is froze
When the icy needles
Come with every breath that flows.
When chilblains make us groan aloud
And cold gives us a pain
It's safe to bet that we all wish
For summertime again.
For while we sweat and stew around
In breezy summer clothes
It's an easy thing to cool off
And forget our earthly woes.
But it's different in the winter
When the world is full of ice
And weather is hard to beat
As any loaded dice
We may boast about our climate
And about the spring and fall
But the balmy days of summer
Are the best ones after all." (Author unknown)

Well, they had a couple options. Put the old 'tin lizzy' under wraps for the winter or carry an insulated bucket along, and when you reached your destination, you put the bucket under the radiator and drained the "old girl". Then you took the bucket into the dance or wherever with you to first keep it from freezing and second to keep it warm so it would help warm up the engine when you went back out—closed the petcock and refilled the radiator. And, what if you didn't get the petcock closed right or worse yet, forgot to close it at all? You had a hot motor a few miles down the road, and if you weren't too far from home and had some helpers you probably pushed it the rest of the way or you probably pushed it the rest of the way or abandoned your precious auto and walked.

You couldn't just plunk down a few bucks then and get a nice fill of anti-freeze. Not until 1916, that is,when

some enterprising motorist decided to do something about it and went down to the local druggist and made a few purchases. He mixed up some salt, glycerin, and denatured alcohol to form an anti-freezing solution for the radiators. He found that salt formed crystals which were liable to lessen the efficiency of the radiator, if nothing worse. Glycerin attacked the rubber hose connections and was relatively expensive, and alcohol was clean and didn't seem to affect rubber or iron to speak of.

From experimentation, an acceptable anti-freeze evolved. To test your solution, you took a small amount of the solution and put it outdoors. If it began to show signs of freezing over, you put more alcohol in the radiator.

The heaters in the old flivvers were notably absent. You just bundled up and maybe heated up a soap stone or some bricks or rocks to "tease" your feet with. I doubt that many put up with all the grief of winter driving and just jacked up the auto and put blocks under the axles, drained the radiator, and locked the barn door or garage if you had one.

It just didn't pay to get the old flivvers out too early in the spring. Mr. Zimbleman did it in early April in 1915 when "he decided to take the wife and children to Fullerton one Sunday. On the return, the car became stuck in the mud. Rev. Irwin happened by and offered Mrs. Zimbleman and little girl a lift, and on the way his horse became frightened and ran into a wire fence, throwing Mrs. Zimbleman and little girl out of the carriage. Fortunately, neither they nor Rev. Irwin were injured. Mr. Zimbleman walked to the Kunrath home where he remained all night. The next morning with the help of Kunrath's four horses, the car was freed from the clutches of the mud, but the gearing was broken which will take some time to have repaired."

Come summer of 1916, all the woes of winter were behind, and the spring ruts and puddles dried and soaked away, so now it was time for motoring again.

Our Ludden neighbors were also vulnerable. "Gail Botts was in Oakes on Saturday night consulting his optician. He returned home Sunday with his new Dodge car. It is a dandy. Not to be outdone, Guy Leffingwell drove home in a fine Case automobile."

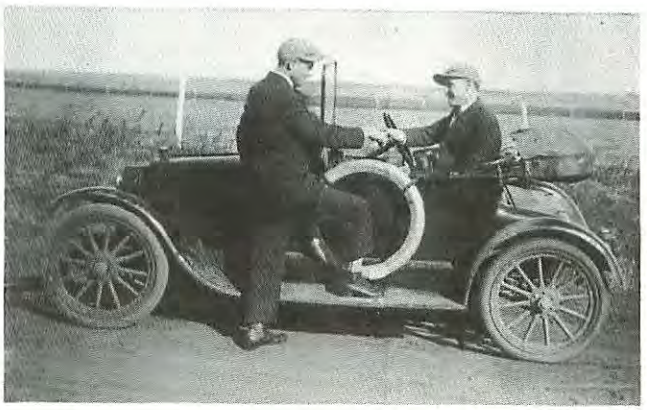
And, back at Guelph, Charlie Dennison had purchased a fine Dodge from Lynde Bros. at Ellendale.

A new car was coming on the market with the name Pierce Arrow. Three gentlemen of Guelph decided to buy a building south of the IOOF lodge and put in a dealership for these cars which they called "The New Era". These gentlemen were Hank Anderson, the elevator man; W. S. Scott, the banker; and J. D. Root, storekeeper. As I understand it, they each ended up buying their demonstrator. Maybe no one could buy a Pierce Arrow on a Ford budget!

Could it have been the moon or that lovely Dodge or the combination that led to this romantic item of 5-24-1917 when "Mr. Gail Botts and Miss Ella Babcock autoed to Oakes Friday night, and at this writing, the young lady seems to be lost. Congratulations, denials, surmises, and mysteries seem all mixed up in our efforts to learn the truth."

By now Henry Ford had developed his assembly line where a Model T could be put together in 93 minutes, except for the body. The body was added a few minutes later. Up to 1913, it required about a day and a half to assemble a car. The Ford runabouts without any frills were selling for around $350 and up, so they were sort of dominating the local market under the able dealership of J. W. Bush and Sons of Oakes who were frequently passing through Guelph from Ellendale with 3 more new Ford cars.





Bliss and auto.

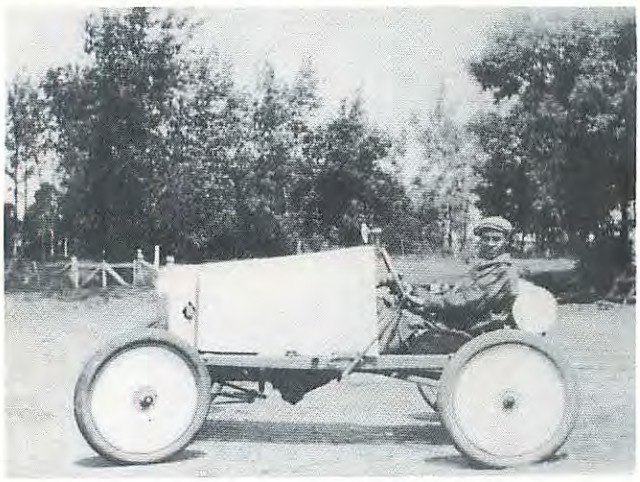
Owners of Henry Ford's Model T—especially farmers—put the Model T to a variety of uses which Henry could not have foreseen. Special wheels permitted it to be used as a tractor to plow the fields. With the rear end jacked up, the Model T's turning wheels could pump water, grind feed, or wash clothes, or even generate electricity. Some enterprising farmers cut away the back of the body, installed a strong floorboard and came up with the first farm pickup truck. It was indeed "the universal car". But, millions of owners and non-owners referred to it as the "tin lizzie."

The Model T had a number of faults which alternately amused and irritated its owners. The gasoline tank was under the driver's seat. There was no gas gauge, so when you desired to check the tank, you needed a ruler or whatever stick or weed was handy. and the front seat passengers had to get out so the seat could be removed. The old "lizzy" was difficult to start in cold weather and a tea kettle of boiling water in the radiator sometimes helped, as did jacking up the rear end to permit the wheels to turn freely. Sometimes in going up a steep hill, gas wouldn't flow to the engine; when that happened, you turned around and backed up the hill!

Cranking was not easy, especially when the engine was cold. Some motorists carried along a buffalo robe to throw over the hood and retain the heat longer. Sometimes the hand crank would snap back after the engine started, as happened to Robert Van Meter in March, 1929, when he had the misfortune to break his arm while cranking his car. Sure did mess up his baseball playing for the season.

The ladies never really got in much driving until the self starter was invented and took the hard work and much of the fear out of motoring.

The autos inspired songs ("In My Merry Oldsmobile"—the best known of hundreds of songs) over the years and poetry and thousands of jokes. A revolution in American life was upon us.



Waldon Waite and his racing car.

QUOTES FROM CORRESPONDENTS' OWN WORDS IN GUELPH OR LUDDEN ITEMS IN **DICKEY COUNTY LEADER** UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

ROADS

by Marvin Hansen

As the settlers moved into the country and started living on their claims, it soon became apparent that they could not follow the same trail or path all the time, without some improvement. In the spring and during wet weather they became rutted and sloppy. In the winter the low and sheltered spots were blocked with snow. Even in dry weather paths became rutted with use.

The farmers did not care to have the trails and roads cut across their land as the Port Emma Times commented on 6-18-1885, "The mania for plowing up roads has struck the vicinity. No sooner does a farmer now discover a well beaten trail across his farm than he is seized with an uncontrollable desire to run a plow through it. The farmers action is of course all right; the sooner people are made to travel on the (section) lines, the sooner we will have roads we can rely upon, but this period of transition is terribly hard on travelers morale, and strangers have been heard to speak disparagingly of a farmer who will plow up a good road when unbroken acres are so plentiful and good roads so scarce."

It seems that the issue warmed up more the next month for the **Port Emma Times** commented again in 7-2-1885, "People on the east side are making a bold stand against misplaced roads. Some have effectually stopped all travel across their places by turning a furrow into the wheel rut. Others have dug pit falls across the road. Now that the war note has been sounded let all join in the noble work. If trespassers will not fall into the pits and break their necks or their horses' necks, place a few spring guns in position: Somebody must be killed before people will respect section lines."

The settlers needed some form of organization to pool their efforts and resources. Although the territorial government had already allotted 33 ft. on each section line for public thorough fare, the township government was the organization to carry out the work.

After the March 5, 1886 Port Emma Township election, the Overseers of Highways had his work cut out for him. Port Emma was divided into four road districts. T. W. Bush and Frank Stroup were Road Supervisors.

Upon election or appointment the Overseers of Highways had among his duties to list all persons who were liable for work in his district. His guide lines were "Persons Liable—every male inhabitant over twenty one and under fifty years of age. Persons Exempt—paupers, idiots, lunatics and firemen in cities." He then delivered that list to the township board who then assessed the roads and bridge tax. After the tax was assessed, the "Overseers" duty was "To collect the sums assessed and expend the same in the improvement of the roads and bridges of the district. He was to accept road labor, if offered from the person on the list, in payment of the sums assessed, to be worked out when and where in the district the Overseer may direct, at the rate of $1.50 per day for an able bodied man, and the same amount for the use of a team and wagon or plow."



Slip scoop scraper - owned by Darwin Kunrath.

In the annual township meeting of Port Emma on March 6, 1888, the following were elected Overseers of the Road Districts: No. 1, Mr. Curliss, No. 2, N.D. Witham, No. 3, Steve Sleight and No. 4, H.F. Eaton. Other business that carried was to levy $200 for road work and move the polling place to Guelph. They also bought and paid for 12 steel road scrapers (slip) at $5 each.

The Overseers of Roads was a thankless job as the **Port Emma Times** portrayed in March of 1886, "Road work is under full headway, accompanied by the usual amount of kicking against the warning of the Overseers. It is with pleasure that we note that the work this year is being somewhat centralized. Instead of doing a little work in a good many places the Overseers are endeavoring to make a serviceable passage way through at least one bad hole in the district, and the taxpayers should not object to going a little way from home to work in order to accomplish this. Maybe that isn't just the hole you wanted filled, but who knows but that you may be Overseer next year. Let the good work go on and in a short time we will have roads which can be relied on when they are most needed."

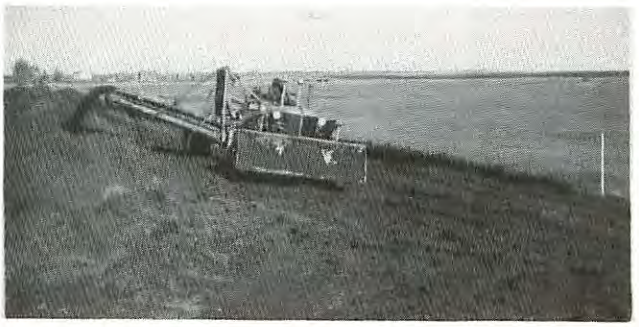
There wasn't much need for change in road building until G. M. Baker purchased his first automobile in June of 1908 after which followed an automobile explosion for the Guelph area. As the automobiles became more powerful and faster the old buggy trail wouldn't do any more.

No doubt Paul Hample could see the future in the automobiles, as he started acquiring his road building equipment in the early 1920's. Paul Hample built many miles of roads in the Kent, Hudson, Ada, Port Emma and Lovell Townships. Bill Hample, Paul's son, relates the progress of building some of those roads, as follows:

"Paul would go out with some of the township board members and look for the corner stones of the section. If they could find them he would erect a 12' 2 x 2 with a flag in each end. Then they would try to locate the stone on the quarter line. If it was found, it was easier to run the center line. If not, the center line was run in by sight. In the early days the outside stake was located on the 33 ft. line. Another stake was set at 14 ft. On the first round with the elevator grader, the cat operator would line up on the 14' stake. The elevator grader (called a mucker) had a 36' disc that cut into the dirt and rolled it on a 42" or 48" belt. The carrier of the belt was 19' long. The dirt would go up the belt onto the future roadway. The first cutting as we called it would take 10 or 11 rounds. It was all usually sod so we moved a lot of dirt. The cat traveled about 2 or 2½ MPH so it took a big day to get it done. Then we would hook on the pull blade with the cat and make one round on top of the sod to sort of smooth it down. Then we would start what we called the second cutting with the mucker. This would usually be about 8 rounds of real nice dirt out of the bottom of the ditch. In many areas this was real nice clay. In the early years we left the outside of the ditch straight up and down sometimes 3-4' deep. We would make three rounds on top with the pull blade and we were done. The farmers put in their own approaches with a team of horses and a slip (scoop with 2 handles).



PTO elevator grader and 60 cat owned by Paul Hample about 1930.



HD10 cat and dozer pulling PTO elevator grader owned by Paul Hample about 1948.



Pull blade and 60 cat owned by Paul Hample about 1930.

In later years we spent much more time in flattening out the back slope and packing in inslope. Many times the farmers would take out the fences and put them back in on the backslope. Then we would take the cats and scrapers to take the dirt from the hills and carry down into the low places to flatten out the road. The elevator grader put just about as much dirt on the hills as it did in the low places. In flat ground the elevator did a real good job. Paul Hample built many miles of roads for $100 a mile."

In the fall of 1949 the Guelph school bought two school buses, to haul the children.

Withinin a few years the townships were building new roads and rebuilding old ones to make higher grades so the buses could travel in most all weather. Our roads are some of the finest to be had, too many people take them for granted.



IHC cat and pull blade owned by Paul Hample.

John Schwarting built roads in the Guelph and Ludden area. During the 1930's he built the road, County Highway No. 14, between the Ludden bridge and County Highway No. 3 west of Oakes. John also built the approaches to the Ludden bridge after it was rebuilt in 1932.

This is the way Leo German remembers Hudson Township's road equipment:

"As the need for roads increased, due to the increase in automobiles, the township of Hudson supervisors decided to purchase road building equipment. They purchased a 40-80 Twin City Tractor, a mucker, and a pull type conveyor belt that carried it to the road bed. I think the right name was elevator grader. They built a storage shed on the southwest corner of section 16 to house them in.

The tractor was quite large and very awkward. I estimate the drive wheels to be about 2 feet wide and 8 feet in diameter with little bars bolted on them for traction. The graders had a gong or bell on them so the operator could get the tractor driver's attention.

Matt German and Chas. Kendall were supervisors in the early 20's and they operated the equipment. They built the 6 miles of road in Hudson known as the Kendall road for many years. Some years later Port Emma and Clement townships and Hudson up-graded the 9 miles and turned it over to the County. It is now County Road 14, sometimes called the "River Road."

Our area has been well served by a number of County roads and State Highways No. 1 and 11.



Guelph - County road maintainer operated by Ray Brown on the county and township roads.

THE GUELPH WELLS



Rhonda Waite at Root's well.

When the first settlers came to the townsite of Guelph, water was scarce. It had to be hauled by barrels from a large slough, a favorite one was located a mile southwest of Guelph. Later several wells were put down. One of the best was dug for True Thatcher. Later good drinking water was found in wells at Harry Newman's and Thatcher (later Roots) homes. There also seemed to be many dried wells in town.



Lon Puffer drawing water from the well in the middle of the tracks.

When the Great Northern Railroad was built through the townsite, it crossed over the well dug for True Thatcher and for many years the well stayed useable in the middle of the tracks. In 1901,someone wrote the Great Northern Company and asked to have the well filled, but they responded that they would leave the well open for the present. Dorothy Barsten says she remembers Lon Puffer drawing water from the well for his cattle during the depression years. Then about 1950,

our depot agent, Pete Conoughton, told the railroad crew he could show them where the best water in town was. He took them to the well between the tracks. A few days later the train brought a load of gravel and filled the well. The well had remained between the railroad tracks for about 50 years.

Water remained scarce in town until the Fall of 1950. Before that if you had a cistern and it rained you were lucky. If it didn't rain you would have Bill Schultz, or later Roland Waite, haul you a tank of water to fill your cistern. If you didn't have a cistern, you hauled your own. Ray Brown had a platform built on back of a Model A Ford. This platform could be put on the car when needed. He carried a barrel of water on this either from the Hauser or Courtney wells to be used for washing and cleaning. Then, water for drinking and cooking was carried from the Newman or Root wells. Most of the residents in town used these wells.

Early in the Fall of 1956, the Guelph Farmers Elevator planned to drill a well to supply water for the manager's home. The well driller went down 130 feet with just a few shallow veins of no promise. Being an artesian well driller, Einar Marklund suggested a few of the citizens get together and go down to an artesian flow. It was a good idea, but artesian wells cost money, and Guelph is a group of people spread over a large area. This would mean a lot of piping and much digging to reach all the homes and business places.

The Guelph High School had had it's own water system for a few years, but in winter months it seemed about strained beyond its supply so it appeared quite evident that the school was going to need a good supply of water also.

The school board and elevator board got together and decided to go down to the first or second flow artesian at the present site and make use of 130 feet already drilled. Then it was suggested that as long as the Townspeople were interested, that they share in the well and go down to the third flow artesian and eliminate all pumping.

The well is located in the front yard of the Ray Brown home which was then the home of the elevator manager, Ted Steinkogler.

A meeting was called near the end of October to discuss the venture and try to estimate the cost. The main drawback was if it could be completed this year, as it was so near freezing time and required an excess of 5000 feet of trenching and it had to be six feet for safety from frost.

It was decided to go ahead with the project on a co-operative basis with all participants sharing the cost of laying pipes and installing fittings.

Heinie Hofsommer of Oakes was selected to dig the trenches. He started about the first of November. The well drillers couldn't come until the middle of November so several hundred feet of pipe were laid before they came and set up.

By this time, the ground was beginning to crust with frost but day by day, the digging continued as the outlet for excess water had to be ready. So a 4 inch auger and a 3/4 H.P. electric drill was used to bore through the road beds and under the railroad track. And, also, with the use of Ray Brown with a scarifier on the grader to loosen the top so a trench could be dug.

The well drillers were progessing nicely. They had gone through a six foot boulder at about 400 foot level and from then on down it was fairly good going.

By December 12, they reached the 1209 foot level and hit third flow vein. Everything was ready at school and about 14 other homes and business places. Now, came the last hard job as they hadn't been able to dig where the well rig sat and the ground was frozen 12 to 18 inches. They tried every conceivable idea for breaking this crust, even dynamite, which shattered windows in the front of the manager's house.

They finally had to resort to sledge and hammer. They undermined beneath the crust with the back hoe, then broke from above with sledge and hammer.

Three days after the well came in, most home owners were hooking up to already existing plumbing. All were delighted with their new city water system. The well is 1209 feet deep, flows 30 to 40 gallons per minute and has about 85 pounds per square inch pressure. The water has a tolerable taste and is semi-hard. Cost per residence was less than $300.

One sad note was the passing of Fred Hayenga who had worked faithfully and hard to get water into every home and never got to enjoy it in his own home. Fred Hayenga and Roland Waite had spent a good many hours in the trenches getting the pipes laid into every home in town.

Now, Guelph had running water, No more running to the town pump or freezing fingers hauling water.

To pay for the maintenence, each family was to pay $24.00 if just one in a home and $36.00 for two or more in the home. Roland Waite became the treasurer, later the Farmers Elevator was persuaded to collect the rents and take care of the expenditures.

All went well until 1969 when there were eruptions of dirty water and the original driller, Mr. Marklund was summoned and results indicated a "break down somewhere". It was recased with 1 inch galvanized pipe down 980 feet. Although it cut down the supply it has been adequate to supply the dwindling population. Now, there are only nine residences, the school, church and elevator on the line.

The well has been the life line of our people and has delayed our becoming a ghost town.

ELECTRICITY IN GUELPH

Electric lights did not come quickly to Guelph. Most of the Guelph residents were to keep their kerosene, gas mantle and aladdin lamps right up to the advent of the Rural Electrification Act which began hook ups to residences in this area in the late 1940's.

There was an electric plant here beginning in early 1915 as it was stated in January "that the Northwest Elevator, M. H. Puffers residence and store, John Schwarting and H. M. Young's residence have been wired for electric lights as has been also, the hall." By February, "Carl Swanson had his lumber office and his residence wired for electric lights also H. J. Newman and C. A. Newman."

Wiring for electric lights would be relatively simple at this time for most houses were single level with an attic. A pair of insulated wires spaced by ceramic insulators would span the length of the attic and were branched off here and there to lead to a drop cord that dangled in the center of each room to about 6½ feet above the floor. The bulbs at that time were clear glass with a long looped filament clearly visible and it could be turned on and off with a pull chain or bakelite turn-button. Wall switches and outlets were to come later.

The homes and offices were far enough apart to require a couple of poles between each to carry the wires.

It took a person with good electrical and mechanical aptitude to keep the light plant working and such a man was John Schwarting. It's very doubtful that there would be any electricity each day until John would start up his engine in the evening about dusk and run it for 2 or 3 hours or maybe until midnight for something special.

Plans were developing in March of 1915 as noted by this item from the **Leader**: "Our citizens had a meeting Monday night to plan for electric lights for the streets and decided to have several at once. Guelph will soon be visible at night also."

John apparently got the "bugs" out of the electrical system and was looking for a new challenge as by May 7, he had "Closed his blacksmith shop and J. D. Root had purchased the electric light plant which would move next week with H. M. Young having charge of the plant."

After the word got around that Guelph had some electrical hook ups it didn't take Charles Clark of Oakes long to get over to Guelph and put a motion picture machine in the IOOF hall. In mid January "the IOOF gave the first moving pictures in their new hall. The pictures were clear and nicely given and everyone was more than pleased." The movies became popular and were shown on Friday nights for a small charge and each show became longer with more reels added and by mid March the news stated "The reels that have been promised for this circuit is 'The Walla Walla Round Up', a western pic of 4 reels; also one comic. The orchestra will also play."

A letter from Nellie Schultz to her friend Maud Smith in 1917 bringing her up to date on Guelph happenings revealed in part that "Roots are still where they were, but he has put in electric machine and we have lights over town 'till about ten every night. Maud has an iron, also a sweeper from the power."

Electricity was catching on and the new uses besides lights were being tried. But in 1919 the p lant had shut down for reasons unknkown to me. No movies in the hall and they were back to buying 2 gas lamps and 6 mantles for the IOOF meetings.

About 1920 some 32 volt Delco light plants began to show up in Guelph. They were usually mounted on concrete pedestals in basements and the exhaust pipe through a hole in the basement. There were 16, 2 Volt glass storage batteries hooked in series and when fully charged they gave a fairly respectable light and for "lights only" would last 3 or 4 days on a charge but if you had small electrical motors you would need to start up the 'plant' to maintain the charge to keep the rpm's up on the motors. These plants were not very dependable and required a lot of attention. However, this was certainly the first step toward 32 volt electric washing machines which were to remove much of the drudgery of the washboard from the housewife.

Another much sought after need was the refrigerator. Very few people had access to ice in the summer months so they tried to cool their meat, milk, and other perishables by placing them in the coolest spot in the house, usually the basement. Some used a bucket and lowered their perishables by rope into a surface well or cistern. It was really hard to make a decent bowl of jello in the summer months and people ate a lot of cottage cheese (made from soured milk). Now the electric refrigerator was beginning to emerge.

In 1921 shares were being sold in the Guelph Electric Light Plant and the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs were both going half on a $50.00 share. Lights from April 13th until December 4th cost them $13.80 and one meter was $7.00. I have no record of, who was operating the light plant.

John Schwarting was back in the light business by November 1932. His son, Glen, recalls this in his recollections about Guelph. "The early light plant consisted of a large, one cylinder gasoline engine which ran a D. C. generator. To muffle the exhaust, which was very loud, several empty oil drums were buried underground, the exhaust piped into them and then finally piped to the atmosphere. It was necessary to fill the drip oilers on the cylinder and the bearings rather frequently, and Dad would allow me to do that task when I was around.

There was also another task which the light plant engine performed at times. It was hooked to a line shaft which in turn could be used to power a drill press, a lathe or a milling machine. I learned how to operate these machines while standing on a box and could do a reasonably good job of running these machines and overhauling cars by the time I was fifteen—which of course was due to Dad's patience and training.

Another form of generating electricity used years ago was the wind charger which again charged batteries and allowed people to have electric lights. The barn at our old place in town (Schwartings) probably still has a hole in the roof toward the north end where Dad had a shaft going through the roof with a rotary wind wheel at the top. The shaft ran in pillow blocks with a pulley at the bottom which ran a generator. As I recall, it worked fairly well but wasn't balanced very good and shook the whole barn when it was operating."

A half dozen companies began marketing various models of wind machines and they generally came in two sizes - 6 volt or 32 volt. The 6 volt size was the most common and was used mostly to keep 6 volt car batteries charged. Nearly everyone had some sort of radio, and unless you were in the cities with reliable 110 volt power, these radios were battery operated. They needed an A battery of 6 volts and B batteries dry cell type of 90 volts. The 6 volt battery would discharge in a week or so depending on how much one listened. Nothing would be more frustrating than listening to Amos 'n Andy or Jack Armstrong or Little Orphan Annie and have the battery run down in the middle of some exciting episode. The windcharger was a great help in keeping the radio functioning and serveral were using

6 volt bulbs for lighting. The larger size wind charger or the 32 volt size could be hooked into the same bank of batteries as the light plant and supplement it on windy days.

Then in the early thirties Eino Visto came to Guelph and in 1937 put up a rather high tower adjacent to his auto service and had a 32 volt windcharger (TM) installed. Later he was to acquire a 110 volt plant which would have serviced his own business, but many of the townspeople were desirous of getting service from his plant. Eventually he purchased a one cylinder Witte diesel driven generator of large enough capacity to furnish adequate electrical service to the patrons of Guelph but with a stern warning from Eino to the ladies not to all schedule their ironing at the same time which would have overheated the circuits.

This was to tide Guelph over until our Rural Electrification was turned on in the Guelph area in 1948. The REA Act was passed in 1936 but shortages of loan funds and World War II delayed this dream until 1944. Farmers who had weathered drouth and depression were wary of any new venture costing money.

The farmers who donated their time and efforts to solicit membership applications for $5.00 fees are to be commended, also the directors who dedicated their efforts to make the dream come true for the 3900 services on 2870 miles of line in the James Valley service area.

Directors representing members of District #1, which includes the Guelph area, have been as follows: H. J. Newman, Guelph - 1944-1953, A. C. Randol, Oakes - 1953-1974, and Ervin Sand, Ellendale - 1974-current director.

Each of you from this area will have your own remembrances of that special day when the lights came on all over Guelph. Our first minimum in town was $2.00 + tax for 20 KW and it was double that on the farms.

This electrical 'servants' chores caught on so fast that the first essential, lights, gave way to a myriad of other chores (well into the hundreds on a modern farm) and we soon found ourselves with inadequate capacity wiring systems. 60AMP service gave way to 100AMP or more, if you had electric heat, and the 20 KW's for our original service increased a dozen or more times.

REA financed lines have doubled their use every 7 years requiring new coal-fired plants to be built and these need to be paid for by the consumers and each round of inflation causes the rates to increase to where a household can now easily consume $100 worth of electrical current per month.

Considering the better way of life, the contribution to the economy of area and the nation we will stand by it until something better comes along be it solar or some other form of energy.

Eino's Witte diesel was sold and moved to the Sumption Brothers farm in the Frederick area. Behind the former location of the Auto Service - IHC parts building the old engine house that housed the diesel plant stands empty - a silent, solitary witness to culmination of early day electrical history of 'little ol' Guelph. (Quotes in Guelph Correspondents own words from **Dickey County Leader** unless otherwise noted)

TELEPHONE

There were telephones in the Guelph area as early as 1898 with reference to the item of 9-6-1898 that telephone connections have been made to the Port Emma elevator, also that the Midland Telephone Company was operating near Silverleaf.

Although Guelph may have had a telephone hookup to the toll line of Dakota Central which had acquired the Midland Telephone Co. from Dr. Merchant in Oct., 1898, it was not until Feb., 1908 that I found reference to a Guelph Telephone Company type organization in the **Oakes Times** which stated on Feb. 21, 1908, that "Lewis Osher of Hecla and D. T. Cowley attended the telephone meeting held at J. C. Craft's Thursday" and on Mar. 5 "The Farmers Telephone association held their annual business meeting Tuesday with J. C. Craft." Then in April "The telephone poles arrived for the Farmers telephone line". Nowhere was any mention made of the directors but it appears that a Farmers Telephone Co. which was to become one of more than 800 telephone companies in North Dakota, was being organized.

The history of most of these farmer lines dated back to 1894 when the Bell patents expired. Prior to this the only way telephone instruments could be obtained was by leasing them through the Bell Telephone Company, which was doing well in cities where population density made telephone service a profitable venture.

Now that the patents had been released, small rural telephone companies were being organzied to serve the farming community. Quite often these stock companies were farmer-owned lines. Anywhere from 3 to 30 farmers might put up enough money to install a telephone line to connect their farms to each other and in Guelph's case to a central telephone which was connected to a toll line.

The Guelph subscribers were to buy their own telephones and each farmer would dig the poles in to his residence from the main line. Each subscriber put up $25.00 for maintenance and to pay for some of the wire and poles. It was definitely a "pay as you go" proposition and frills free. In many cases the barbed wire fence was used to complete a line if it happened to be running in the right direction.

The magneto set was the most common phone. It had a transmitter or receiver, a hand crank, generator and two dry cell batteries. All the innards were packed into a wooden cabinet which was usually screwed to the wall. To ring your neighbor, who was assigned a code like-2 short rings or 1 long and 1 short, you simply cranked the handle a corresponding number of times. The magneto then produced the current to ring all the bells on the party line, but only the one who's code you rang was supposed to listen! When you answered, the energy from the two batteries was usually sufficient to provide the current for conversation between the two parties. However, since all could hear the rings each time someone called, there was a great tendency to listen in - or eavesdrop. This distributed the current over more lines so if 5 or 6 people were listening in, the battery energy would be so drained that the speakers would be forced to shout into the mouthpiece if they wanted to be heard. Thus this type of telephone

became known as the "crank and holler" telephone. It did work and enabled the farmers to get in touch with neighbors rather than walking or hitching up a team to the buggy or cranking up the horseless carriage to drive it over nearly nonexistent roads.



Telephone of 1900's.

The efforts to put in a toll line and switchboard into Root's store in 1908 failed when it became apparent that the hours of telephone service to a central hook-up would depend on what hours the store kept; therefore the central telephone was moved to Puffer's store where it was installed adjacent to the passage way to their living quarters and a member of the family would be sleeping with "one ear open" in the proximity of the telephone. With persistent effort, in case of emergency, you could waken an operator to complete your call to the outside world.

There was no fancy switchboard in Puffer's store, only the two telephones. You'd ring the operator and she'd take your instructions and have you hold, meanwhile, she'd get your number on the outside line. when both parties were on the line, she'd connect a simple knife switch which would connect two phone lines together and you could talk. Sometimes if there was a lot "rubbering" going on or static or other interference the operator who could listen in too—to both conversations, would repeat each parties conversation to finally complete the call. Sometime later, another phone was added to central at Puffers. This was connected to Hecla and several of the farmers in Port Emma and Ada townships were connected on that line so calling them meant a long distance call.

John Schwarting was one of the first telephone installers and repairmen in Guelph.

At the turn of the century, Montgomery Ward and Co. published **Rural Telephone Lines, How to Build Them.** This book gave simple instructions on building telephone lines and general principles of the telephone, which could be easily understood and of course, manuals helped sell telephones.

Later on Waldon Waite became the installer and repairman. Lightning and boys with sling shots or .22 rifles were the greatest service offenders. Lightning could split a pole and/or burn out the carbons in or near the telephones, which required replacing often after severe electrical storms. Boys liked to use the glass insulators as targets. Breaking an insulator usually meant the line would be sagging to the ground which would "ground out" phone conversations or the whole system in some cases.

Then there were those who were skeptical about the whole idea and as one old man said "It's a fake! I've looked at that wire and there's no hole through it and you can't talk through it." But his wife and sons and daughters wanted a phone so they decided to take the old man over to a neighbor who had a phone. The man's wife would go to another telephone and call her husband to convince him it worked. Well—she called but there was an electrical storm gathering and just as the old man reached the telephone, lightning struck and sparks flew right out of it. "I believe it! That's Mirandy, all right!" he said.

The whole system was catching on rather well in the Guelph area. There were a dozen or more phones in town and as many in the country. By each telephone was a list of subscribers with the series of dots and dashes for call signs.

Even the Craft or Waite school had one installed in 1909. "A. F. Withee lent a phone to the Craft school house which was put in Monday. The teacher and scholars are happy as in case of a storm, word can be sent to the parents and no danger to the children as they can remain in the school house." (**Dickey County Leader** - 12-9-1909).

The Guelph Farmers Telephone Company was to serve the patrons of the area until about 1950 when Chester Graham, who was director of radio for the N.D. Farmers Union, began to propose a rural telephone program of rural cooperatives in N.D. An REA representative from Washington came out to explain the program at Jamestown.

After this presentation Graham arranged for many informational meeting to be held and eventually the program was sold to farmers and townspeople. It was explained that area coverage meant that anyone in the borrowers service area to which REA loaned "2% money" could not refuse to extend service to any farm, no matter how remote it was and no matter what problems were posed by the terrain.

It followed that the cooperative would rely on a fixed amount of revenue per subscriber each month and it would need enough subsribers to raise required equity. Each was usually asked to pay a $5.00 membership fee to get the organization going and pay $45.00 equity at a later date.

On Nov. 10, 1950, as a result of the interest thus inspired, the Dickey Rural Telephone Mutal Aid Corporation became the first rural telephone cooperative to be incorporated in N.D. and was recipient of the first REA telephone loan, one of the four largest then granted.

Altough Matt German was named on the original organizational committee, he was at a later meeting released from serving, and on Sept. 15, 1950 at a special meeting C. W. Holmes was named as a member of the committee. He served from 1950 to 1964. This committee on which Bill served had 6 other members

from the county area.

In 1953, one of the first innovations of Dickey Rural Mutal Aid was to put in dial phones. Then came construction of dial houses for new equipment. Guelph was for a number of years served by the Silverleaf dial house and soon the whole Silverleaf exchange was on the dial system. At this time, though, there were few, if any one-party lines and many of us were on six or seven party lines.

As early as 1967, discussions were held pertaining to upgrading the whole system with private line service and in Feb., 1971, the Milnor exchange became the first to see buried cable and one party service with DDD (Direct Distance Dialing) in Ludden, Silverleaf, Milnor, Fullerton, Forbes, Merricourt and Guelph.

A new telephone building was constructed on the corner one mile south of Guelph, and Guelph is currently enjoying toll free service exchange to Ellendale, Monango and Oakes. Rate increases are inevitable with each additionall upgrading of service.

In 1983, a nearly 200 foot tower was erected at the Guelph telephone building site. It will be used in relaying signals for mobile telephone and will enable one to keep in "touch with the world" by his vehicular installed telephone, should you wish to avail yourself of this service.

Thus ended the old "barbed wire" era in favor of the new electronic one!

Credits due in part to **Talking Wires - The Story of N.D. Telephone Co-ops,** the **Oakes Times** and **Dickey County Leader.**

GUELPH CONTRIBUTES TO THE HISTORY OF DICKEY COUNTY BOOK

Historical association program at Guelph Friday evening 6-3-1926.

The people of Dickey County are heartly invited to come to the hall at Guelph Friday evening June 3 at 8 o'clock and listen to a very exciting program which the folks of Ludden and Guelph are preparing in the interest of the Dickey County Historical Association. This program has been in the making for a long time and a real treat is in store for those who will be fortunate enough to attend.

The history of this County is now in the process of being written by Pres. R. M. Black of the State SChool. Pres. Black is one of the writers of the State history which has met with hearty approval all over the State so the association is fortunate in having him write the County history. Just now plans for raising funds to publish the history are being made. The Historical Association has hired Major Dana Wright of Jamestown to collect the historical matter. Many of the people became personally acquainted with him during his stay here. All the expenses of the association are paid up to date and there will be a balance of $125.00 left in the treasury, but much more must be available before the publication of the history can be launched. If any money is left after the books are out of the way, such money will be used for cases for the historical museum in the court house.

No better way can be found to support this work and at the same time give yourself a wonderful evening of enjoyment than by attending this program. The roads are good and the spring rush is over, so everyone that has a car is urged to go. Price of admission is 35¢ and for children 15¢. The program as follows:

Piano Solo	Lottie Puffer
Reading	Mrs. Folsum
Vocal Solo	Phyllis and Frances McCoy
Pantomime	"Lead, Lead, Kindly Light" Violet McKibben
Vocal	William Linville
Reading	Mrs. Folsum
Coronet solo	Waldon Waite
Musical recitation	Mrs. Folsum
Piano trio	Mrs. Root, Miss Howard and Muriel (Ladies of the new Era Club)
Playette	
Accordian solo	George Cowley

The Guelph I.O.O.F. led off the proceedings in the afternoon with a ballgame and an auction.

Total proceeds of the benefit $38.00.

The book, History of Dickey County, was first published in 1930 and was reprinted by the Ellendale Centennial Jubilee Committee in 1981. It has been used for reference for our historical data for this book on numerous occasions.

POLITICS SPAWNS IN GUELPH (1883-1910)

Politics had an early beginning in Guelph, as was revealed in this Hudson Letter - "The prerequisites in the early pioneer Guelph days meant being successful at something like Mr. Thatcher who was considered a prosperous farmer. He is getting to be a stock raiser which means that he is on the road to greater success. There is nothing going to waste or "lying around loose" on his premises either out doors or in the house; and the Dakota dust has so long been successfully combated there, that now it does not even try to enter the house and rarely stops on the farm. He is chairman of our board of supervisors and one of our most staunch Republicans. In fact he and M. H. Puffer, the owner and mayor of Guelph, are about all here that can always be depended upon to vote straight and heartily hoo-rah for whoever gets nominated by the G.O.P.

Mr. Puffer is now reaping his reward as postmaster at Guelph. He is good natured and obliging and nearly all the patrons of the office are pleased with him as an official. The failure of Guelph to become a city nearly bankrupted him and we feared for awhile that he might leave us. He is a public spirited patriotic citizen and an honest man.

Hudson has from the first had a class of inhabitants to be proud of - a class such as but few towns can boast of. From the community attending church at the Hudson school house, there have been elected one county commissioner, one member of the legislature for two terms, one county treasurer for two terms, one clerk of court for two terms, one county superintendent for two terms, and one sheriff for two terms. Two other county commissioners have been elected from the town, but our population is changing. One by one our old settlers are leaving. In some cases new ones take their places, in others they are left vacant and yet we think we have as good a township as there is in the county for general farming."

The first settlers of Guelph and the surrounding area were predominantly Republican. It appears that Truman Thatcher was the first in the Guelph area to get to the State Capitol as Senator.

Here are some excerpts of his Political Career as reported in the Dickey and LaMoure county papers.

Heavy Work Completed

The Marshall slate was practically completed last week when E. F. Bodle and H. C. McCartney whispered sweet nothings into the ears of Truman Thatcher of Guelph, and induced that gentleman to appear as a Candidate for the Senate.

Soon to follow was the announcement - For State Senator.

I hereby announce myself as candidate for the state senatorship from the twenty fifth district, subject to the will of the Republican County Convention.

Truman H. Thatcher

Truman Thatcher in this issue announces his candidacy for the state senate. Mr. Thatcher is one of the prosperous farmers of Hudson township and is among the pioneer residents of Dickey County. He is a man who has always attended strictly to his own affairs, and by his industry and thrift has built up one of the finest homes in the county. He is honest, capable and a man interested in township affairs, he has never before come before the people of the county looking toward political preferment. 'True' has always been a staunch Republican and would add strength to the ticket. We would like to see the Republicans of the county nominate him.

As Others See Us

LaMoure Chronicle: To a casual observer it would seem as if the Republicans of Dickey County would make a tremendous effort to redeem themselves by electing a Republican Senator from that district to succeed Senator Geer, a Democrat. No county in this section has more important interests at stake than Dickey. That county has been at a serious disadvantage during the past four years on account of having sent to the state senate a member of the minority party; and had it not been for the excellent work of the house members, backed up by Senator Sharpe, of LaMoure County, and other Republican members, the Industrial School at Ellendale would doubtless have been poorly cared for. The Republicans of Dickey County had better get in out of the wet.

Unless the Marshall Republicans of Ellendale can center on a local candidate for the office of state senator, and can secure the Ellendale delegation for that candidate, there is little doubt that Truman Thatcher of Guelph, will be the machine candidate in the Republican convention in opposition to M. P. Axtell. The faction in control of the Republican party of Dickey County do not propose to allow Axtell to secure the nomination, and in fact, intend that the insurgent wing of the party shall receive absolutely no recognition whatever, and unless Mr. Marshall's personal control of the party has slipped a good many cogs their plan will not miscarry.

Consequently Mr. Truman Thatcher was nominated by the Republican Convention. Interesting, too, was that J.E. Baker of Guelph was nominated for the clerk of court.

Now as to Mr. Thatcher's opponent. He was the father of Ed M. Leiby who with his father operated the Leiby Drug Store in Ellendale for a total of 71 years. When I asked Ed if he knew of his fathers dabbling in politics, he said he'd heard mentioned but did not know of the details.

Elect Ed N. Leiby
Vote for the man - not the party

There is every indication on which to base the belief that Edwin N. Leiby will be elected to the office of state senator next Tuesday. Mr. Leiby has made an active canvass of the county, and to those who know the man, it cannot be doubted that he has made a favorable impression with the voters. His long residence in Dickey County has made him known to most of our citizens, and to know him is to respect and like him. Irrespective of politics it is generally believed that if elected he would be one of the most influential members of the legislature because of his admirable qualifications for the position. He is acquainted with the needs of every section of this county and judging from his past energy in behalf of the welfare of Dickey County it is certain he would leave no stone unturned to do his best for his constituents. He would prove a sharp, hard working member and moreover, could not fail to earn the respect of his constituents, and this is the kind of man we need at Bismarck. Mr. Leiby's election would be a good thing for Dickey County, and the voters rarely make a mistake.

About the only issue of the campaign which surfaces is Hick's managment of the State Normal and Industrial or the State Manual Training School as it was called then. As follows:

If the rumor is true that W. E. Hicks and his friends are supporting Mr. Leiby for the senate, there must be a motive for so doing. There has been a bitter fight on the President of the Industrical School because a good many are not satisfied with the management he has given it. Hicks is supposed to be a Republican, and we believe that he is, but he has a personal interest in supporting Leiby. He feels that if he succeeds in electing a Democrat Senator, he will have a friend at

court who will maintain him in position. He knows that Leiby will be solid for him, and he knows that the Republican candidate, Mr. Thatcher, has opinions of his own regarding Hicks' management of the Industrial School.

The campaign possibly got a little "hairy" as suggested by the headline and story.

Beware of Roorbacks!

The report has gone out that True Thatcher has quit his canvass for senator, on account of dissatisfaction with the members of his own party, and had gone back to work on his farm. Nothing could be further from the truth. Mr. Thatcher was in the city yesterday and was very indignant that people should place any credence in the rumor. It is nothing but a Democratic roorback. There will be other stories started to injure Republican candidates, but no heed should be taken of them. (Definition of roorback. A slanderous report circulated for political purposes-after Roorback, purported author of a (non-existent) book of travel that was cited as authority for certain defamatory charges made against President Polk in the 1844 campaign.)

One paper headlined the election in large bold type A CLEAN SWEEP. The Entire Republican Ticket in Dickey County is Elected by Overwhelming Majorities. Truman Thatcher is named for Senator with much enthusiasm.

Thus Mr. Thatcher went off to Oakes, driven by his son-in-law, J. D. Root and took the Soo for Bismarck to acquaint himself with his official duty and prepare for the opening season of the legislature.

Senator Thatcher received some very good committee appointments. He was chairman of the joint committee on penal institutions; was also on the committees on appropriations, railroads, ways and means, counties, statistics, public health, temperance, military affairs and the joint committee on public affairs. The regulars had 128 places on the committees, the insurgents 92 and the Democrats 36.

One notable bit of news to come out of his tenure was the Senates passage of a bill appropriating $53,900 for the State Manual Training School that was pleasing, especially to every citizen of Ellendale. This sum together with $16,000 coming from state lands would give the school funds enough for equipment and maintenance, so that it would have an opportunity to make an excellent showing during the next two years. The school so far as the faculty was concerned was most efficiently cared for, but in the matter of equipment it had been seriously handicapped, though the work done at the school compared favorably with schools of its class anywhere, and was of great credit to the faculty. "Words fail to express our thanks to Senator Thatcher and a Republican senate for the liberal appropriation. With the push and energy of representatives Rose and Stevens, the house will likely concur in the senate's bill. Two years ago the legislature was not so considerate of the school's welfare because, it has asserted, Dickey sent a Democrat to the senate. Whatever truths there may be in that assertion, this term we have a Republican senator and the senate had more than doubled the appropriation."

Mr. Truman Thatcher was to serve his district in the senate from 1904 to 1908.

It is not known by me whether he was disenchanted with his term in Bismarck - perhaps, as was indicated in this item:

Senator Thatcher of Guelph was a pleasent caller in this office last Tuesday. The senator was not out electioneering. Nothing would induce him to accept another term. He was out on a hunt for a well rig to fix up a "defunct" well but the last we heard he had not been as successful as when he was running for the senate.

So ends Guelph's favorite son's saga of his political career.

J. D. ROOT FOR REPRESENTATIVE



Did some of his father-in-law's political savvy rub off on J. D. Root? Here we have another Guelphite running for a political office but this time it was J. D. Root for Representative. The year was 1920.

According to a local county weekly paper there were: "Good men for Legislature." "For members of the legislature the names of J. D. Root and T. R. Shimmin (Forbes resident) were unanimously chosen to make the race. They are both eminently qualified for the positions they seek."

"No better choice could have been made to represent Dickey County in the lower house than J. D. Root. His is a successful business man and farmer, is regarded as a leader in his community and in this crisis is a safe man to entrust with our interests.

He is the youngest son of J. B. Root, who with his family came to the county from Lanesboro, Minn., in 1888. For five years the father was postmaster of Oakes, and it was here that the younger son received his training in the mail service that afterwards fitted him for the railway mail service.

For eighteen months he had the run between Breckenridge and Ellendale and for 10½ years had the run on the main line of the Soo between Enderlin and Portal.

In 1908 he quit the mail service and started a store at Guelph and in connection was commissioned Postmaster of that town. A few years ago he sold his business, which the farmers are now running as a cooperative store, and has since engaged in farming and in buying and shipping cattle and hogs. His section of the county early saw the dangers of State Socialism and the solid, staid farmers of southeastern Dickey County vote almost as a unit against furthering the Townly schemes.

Mr. Root has always been a Republican, but like Mr. Kelsh does not consider old party lines in making this fight. The opposition does not consider party lines. They capture the Republicans organization and make of it the legal party to carry out their Socialistic schemes, which makes that organization as at present constituted in this state really a Socialistic party. Like hundreds of Republicans in the County the party label means nothing to them now. They consider their homes, their schools and their churches of far more importance than a party label at this time.

Mr. Root married the only daughter of ex-Senator and Mrs. Thatcher on Feb. 17, 1897, and they have one son. Besides occupying the position as postmaster, J. D. is president of the school board and township clerk, holding the latter position eleven years.

J. D. Root is forty-eight years of age and was born at Lanesboro, Minnesota. His whole life has been spent on the vast prairies of the Northwest. He knows the needs of an agricultural state and will work and vote for the best interest of all the people, if this district decides to send him to Bismarck."

While in the legislature, J. D. was assigned to the committee on Railroads. I also find this account that the house received four bills one day, one of which would repeal the law requiring military training at the State Normal School at Ellendale. Rep. Root, who introduced the bill, said President Black of the institution informed me the students had no equipment and had been unable to get any, and that the Adjutant General favored the abolition of the requirement for military training unless a means could be found to make it advantageous.

When J. D.'s stint in the legislature was over and he returned to his old job as a county commissioner he was surprised one day to find he had been selected to a newly formed commission. The headline of the column read:

J. D. Root Named As Member of State Governing Body

J. D. Root of Guelph was appointed Tuesday by Gov. George F. Shafer to a position on the governmental survey commission, which will hold its first meeting Saturday. His new position will not interfere with his duties as county commissioner from the Fifth District, Mr. Root stated yesterday.

In culling through main functions of this Legislative Creative Commission I find that the commission was charged with making comprehensive survey and investigation of the structure, functions and processes of the entire government of N.D., including the executive departments of the state government, and all municipalities and political subdivisions, including towns, villages, cities, townships, school districts and counties.

It was to consider means to accomplish the following objects:

Elimination of waste and unnessary public expenditures.

The elimination of such governmental functions and activities as are not required to promote or protect the public welfare.

The consolidation and reorganization of local and municipal taxing districts with the view of eliminating duplication of effort, overlapping powers and duties, and the concentration of official responsibilities.

The elimination of obsolete and cumbersome administrative methods and the improvement of governmental machinery in keeping with modern standards of business efficiency.

The appropriation to do all this was $10,000 and members would each receive $8.00 per day while actually engaged in work assigned them by the commission, and will receive actual traveling and other necessary expenses.

The consensus was that a good man had been selected for the job. J. D. had been elected County Commissioner some years before with hardly more than formal opposition, and his actions while on that board have been of the high-minded character that might have been expected. All these years he has been fitting himself, it would almost seem, for this new post, and is a foregone conclusion that he will prove a most valuable man in that capacity. His home folks, like his hundreds of other friends, congratulated him and wished him well.

J. D. served two terms and during his service his judgment and wise opinions were often sought. In 1928 he became cashier of Guelph State Bank. The following year he was named as member to the board of commissioners of Dickey County serving in this capacity until 1933.

Mr. Root was in support of the new highway bridge on highway #11 over the James River.

In 3-3-1932 the county "Dads" voted $6,100.00 towards building the new "Ludden Bridge". The cost of the bridge was $17,000.00 and the approaches were approximately $7,500. John Schwarting and sons, Clyde and Glen, did most of the approach fill work.

A new bridge on highway #1 spanning Bear Creek was also considered. When the bank consolidated with the Oakes institution, J. D. severed his connection with the organization and conducted his farming interests. He shipped countless carloads of stock for the area farmers and accompanied the shipments to Minneapolis or Chicago via rail.

He was affiliated with the IOOF Lodge #148 at Guelph where he was a charter member and was a member of the Masonic Lodge at Oakes.

J. D. died on June 3, 1943 and was survived by his widow, Maude, daughter-in-law, Myrtle and grand daughter, Marcia and two sisters, Mrs. Scott Hall of Fargo and Nellie Scott of Omah, Washington; two sisters-in-law, Mrs. Lillian Root of Los Angeles and Della of Oakes.

On 7-21-1932 an item of interest that appeared in the **Fargo Forum** is recalled: Dickey County may look to the largest city in the state for some things, but when it comes to tomatoes the state metropolis has to take a back seat. The **Fargo Forum** has a number of times carried a story of someone who found a ripe tomato in his garden, but Mrs. J. D. Root, wife of County Commissioner and former State Rep. J. D. Root, vouches for this story that she has started canning her tomatoes. Guelph has one of the finest community clubs in the state and one of the finest small town bands. A community program and band concert was held on Friday night.

(Information and quotes from **Dickey County Leader** and **Oakes Times**)

THE PRAIRIE CHICKEN & "THREE HUNTERS OF GUELPH"

by Roland Waite

In 1897 in the Guelph area, pheasants were non-existent, but the prairie chicken was plentiful. It weighed about 2 pounds and was covered with feathers of yellowish brown with white above, crossed with black bars, and white and brown barred below. The head was deep buff with brown stripes.

It was an amusing bird, this member of the grouse family, and famous for its unusual courtship habits. The male bird would erect the tufts on his neck, spread and raise his tail and stretch out his wings, but allow them to droop. Then he'd inflate the two pouches on the side of his neck with air and make a hollow booming noise. In addition, he'd dance around in leaps and bounds.

This excellent game bird was in much demand by the pioneer hunters, and in 1897, under the new law, the prairie chicken could not be killed until Aug. 20, but the license fee of 75¢ was to remain the same.



A catch of prairie chickens-Oct. 4, 1914

A year later, on Oct. 16, the following account was stated: "The bombardment of the prairie chicken will commence at 6 o'clock next Sat. a.m. or more precisely as Old Sol peeps over the horizon. The local nimrods have been laying up an extra amount of powder and shot and bang-bang-bang will go the shooter next week. Prairie chickens are plentiful this year, and the pot hunters anticipating a good mess. So far the game laws have been generally observed and close watch is being kept for the lawbreakers."

By 1912, it appears the prairie chicken population was dwindling as the following poem by an anonymous Guelphite depicts: (This appeared in a 1912 **Dickey County Leader**)

"Three Hunters of Guelph"

"Three hunters came riding out of the south
Out of the south as the sun went down.
Each looked awfully down in the mouth
While chickens peeped out of their snug little town.
For men will hunt and look mighty cheap
When there's nothing to kill and the grass is deep.
Two chickens flew off from their corn-top tower
And ate the grain as the sun went down.
They mirthfully laughed at men so sour
Who trudged so slowly through Chicken town
For men will hunt and chickens will creep
And there's nothing to kill and the grass is deep.
Since they had no chickens to show for their time
As homeward they ride.
This finished now my halting rhyme
Of the land where the chickens hide."

I recall hearing the booming courtship call in the evenings of the early 30's. However, with the advent of the Chinese pheasant in the area, the prairie chickens retreated westward where they may still thrive in small numbers in the badlands of N.D.

HAIL AT GUELPH

From **Dickey County Leader** Oct. 31, 1911

Thursday about 5 p.m. heavy clouds gathered in the northwest which soon developed into wind and hail. The first farm reached was Mr. Mason's east of Silverleaf; then the Gorman and Wallace places; then the George Waite place which it practically cleaned. Then the large ranch of S. Waite, who had about 1200 acres into crop. The drought had taken 300 A. and the hail finished the balance. Then to the ranch of Clint Craft, worked by C. Oliason. There were between 600 and 800 A. of crop which were cleaned up entirely. C. B. Dennison had about ½ of his hailed under. Harry Young, Adam Zimbleman, Wm McCoy, Allen Withee, Milo Bostrup, Henry and Earl Courtney were nearly all taken. Bakers and Puffers with 100 A. of hard wheat looking fine for a good yield, leaves only enough or less for seed next year. The Wheeler, Barnes and Eaton ranches were entirely harvested by the hail, also the Alkofer farm. Mr. Linville of the extreme north ranch escaped with the loss of 200 A. which was considered good for 20 bu. or more per Acre. Being near the river his crop was exceptionally fine for any year.

The storm then crossed the river and took a strip to the hills and 10 miles east cleaning everything in its way. Even the pastures were pounded to the ground. Thousands of acres all ready for harvest have nothing left to tell what was sowed. Nothing of this kind has ever passed over this part of Dickey County since its earliest settlement. The farmers who have their crop left, though only a light crop, have a smile of satisfaction on their faces and are now anxious to reap what there is left.

WORLD WAR I
April 6, 1917

by Robert Young

The World War I was brought home to the people of the Guelph area very definitely, even before the formal declaration of war on April 6, 1917. On the 18th of May 1917 the Selective Service Act was announced. The Selective Service Act was aimed to mobilize and classify the entire force of the nation.

June 5th was the day every man in the United States between the ages of 21 and 30 was to go to the regular polling place in his precinct to be enrolled.

Member of the Guelph Community called to service were:

September 22, 1917	Johnnie G. Gallagher August Kylmala
March 29, 1918	Knute L. Esterby Arthur Weist Walter L. Groat Edward Weist
May 10, 1918	Ole Varness
June 24, 1918	William J. Saari George K. Yuhl Matthias Pfeiffer Roger Gorman
July 22, 1918	Everett G. Hyatt Ivar Stende Jos. H. Gallagher John W. Cowley Wm. Kilchenmann Dwight C. Botts Steen A. Staudinger
August 14, 1918	Glenn Hyatt
August 27, 1918	William Norton Wilford Waite John Esterby
September 26, 1918	Joseph Burkhardt James J. Wallace
Dates unknown	C. W. Holmes Carl Hauser Henry Kurts

WORLD WAR II

On the morning of December 7, 1941 America was attacked by the Japanese Naval Forces. Once more America was in a World War. Many young men of the Guelph area volunteered or were drafted into service and served with honor, some made the supreme sacrifice and gave their lives for their country. The Gold Star Sons of our community are:

Kenneth Frojen
- Entered Service: September 22, 1944
- Branch of service: 24th Division of the 8th Army.
- Trained at: Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Arkansas
- Embarkation:February 17, 1945, Fort Ord, CA
- Served in: Pacific Theatre of Operations
- Engaged in: Mindanao, Philipine Islands
- Awarded: Purple Heart
- Rank held: Private
- Killed in service of wounds received May 11, 1945 on Mindanao, Philippine Islands, while serving as an infantryman

Thomas H. Kilchenmann
- Entered service: December 26, 1943
- Branch of service: 116th Infantry Regiment, 29th Division
- Trained at: Camp Blanding, Florida
- Served overseas for six weeks in European Theatre of Operations
- Engaged in: St. Lo.
- Awarded: Purple Heart
- Rank Held: Private
- Killed in Action in France, Battle of St. Lo., on July 30, 1944. Ten months had elapsed into service until the Missing in Action message was received.

Albert E. Maki
- Entered service: February 5, 1943
- Branch of Service: Armored Division, Quartermaster Corps.
- Trained at: Fort Knox, Kentucky; Camp Campbell, Kentucky
- Served overseas five months
- Served in Italian Theatre of Operations
- Awarded: Purple Heart
- Rank held: Private
- Killed January 26, 1944, in Italy. Buried in United States Military Cemetery, Nettuno, Italy

Jalmer Weitala
- Entered Service: October 8, 1942
- Branch of service: Navy
- Trained at: Great Lakes Naval Station, Illinois; Mare Island, CA
- Served on the U.S.S. Mergford
- Served in: Pacific Theatre of Operations
- Engaged in: Initial landing at Lae and Finschhafen, New Guinea, September 1943; initial landing, December, 1943, Arawe, New Britain; initial landing at Cape Gloucester, New Britain, December 26, 1943

Edwin A. Hill
- Entered service: April, 1941, Infantry
- Trained at: Camp Claiborne, Louisana

Served in: European-African-Middle Eastern Theatre
Engaged in: African Invasion, North African Campaign, Invasion of Sicily, and Battle of Italy
Rank held: Sergeant
Died May 5, 1944 in a base hospital in Tunisia from wounds received while in Italy

Raymond C. Stout
Entered service: June 20, 1944, Infantry
Trained at: Fort McClellan, Alabama and Fort George G. Meade, Maryland
Served in: European Theatre of Operations
Engaged in: Ardennes Campaign, Duchy of Luxembourg
Rank held: Corporal
Killed in Action, January 20, 1945 in Luxembourg

Following is a list of men and woman from the Guelph area who have served in American armed forces during World War II, Korea, Vietnam and peaceful periods between wars and after wars. I'm sure this list is not complete, but the best from available records.

Leonard Aarons
Leonard Aho
Jerry Anderson
Frank Anderson
Ralph Anderson
Lawrence Alkofer
Raymond Alkofer
Earl Brady
Michael Brady
John Beck
Robert Burley
Clarke Burley
William Baker
Leslie Baker
James Beck
LaVern Burlingame
Don Baldwin
Maurice Baldwin
Colin P. Burkhardt
Paul Burkhardt
Lowell J. Barsten
Albert V. Bauder, Jr.
Orson W. Bauder
Jack C. Botts
John R. Botts
Burton Botts
Keith Bymers
Darrell Doggett
Thomas Dunn
Paul Dunn
Bruce Dunn
Francis Dunn
Carl Daniels
Vernon Doty, Sr.
Vernon Doty, Jr.
Donald L. Enger
Clarence Enger
Darrell Filbert
Larry Filbert
Gary Filbert
Harvey Folkstad
Charles (Chuck) German
Gerald German
Anthony German
James German
Eugene German
Frank M. German
Leo J. German
Jerome German
Bernard German
Keith German
Michael German
Jayme German
Donale Hill
Charles Henningson
James Hapala
Max Hagen
LeRoy Holstrom
Ed Holstrom
Jimmy Haupt
Marvin Hansen
Paul Hansen
Larry Hansen
Eino Hill
Gary Holmes
William Garth Holmes
Warren Hokana
Royal Archie Hokana
Rex William Hokana
Howard L. Hokana
Norman Hokana
Franklin Hokana
Richard Henninger
Herbert Henninger
Leslie Robert Hankel
Howard Hyatt
Elmer Iljana
Robert Johnson
Zulu Jurmo
Ted Jensen
Charles E. Kilchenmann
Darwin Kunrath
Gerald Kunrath
John Lund
William (Bill) Lund
Ed Morlock
Leland Morlock
Gerald Morlock
Francis Maddock
Garry Maddock
James Maddock
Gerald Maddock
Owen Maddock
Steven Maddock
Frank Maddock
Maurice Maddock
Lewellyn Maddock
James F. Moore
John Moore
Clyde Moore
James Moore
Linda Moore
John (Jack) Montgomery
Carroll Montgomery
Ronald Montgomery
Robert Montgomery
John Meyer, Jr.
Edward McGinnis
Donald Moerke
Tommy Oswald
Mike Oswald
Maynard Oliason
Melvin Provost
Jason Pederson
Ladimer Palensky
Erick A. Paso
Russel Perlenfein
Emil Pahl
Roy Quandt
Allen Rollo
Danny Rollo
Thomas Rollo
Richard Rollo
Clifford Rollo
Cloyd Rollo
Walter Rollo
Dick Reed
Donald E. Remillard
Duane P. Remillard
Wilfred A. Remillard
Ben Scheffert
Tom Scheffert
Garry Schlader
John Schroeder
Maurice Schwarting
Jerry Schumacker
Allyn Spear
Leroy Staudinger
Emil F. Salo
John E. Salo
LaMoine Sonnenberg
Duane Sonnenberg
Rodney Seelye
Roland Waite
James Waite
Dawn Waite
Ralph Wallace
Miles White
James White
Bruce Wagner
Wilbert Warner
Ray Woulu
Wava Wagner
Mark Young
Albert Young
Robert Young
Vaino Youle
Ernest Visto
Alex Visto
Robert Durand
Oliver Durand

HOMES IN GUELPH

by Karen Waite

"Where have they gone?"

Let's take a drive into Guelph and see what history we can resurrect from the houses—vacant or inhabited.

We came in from the south on County Highway 12. It was a gravel road—the pavement put down in the early 1960's is surely an improvement!

There was a house on our left where the quonset of Frances Maddock sits now. S. H. Jensen—we called him Barb—bought if from James Wallace and moved it from the foundation in the Waite addition that is just west of County Road 12 here in town, also called Thatcher Street at one time. Barb sold it to Eino Visto in 1936, and he lived there until 1938 when it unfortunately burned and was never replaced.

The next home on our left off the street about 400 feet with the brick textured asphalt siding had many occupants. Among them were Messrs. and Mesdames Lynus Sitts, Sr.; Herb Van Meter's; Jake Wagner's; J. D. Root's; S. H. Jensen; Ted Jensen; Charlie Maddock; and the last ones were the John Maddock's. It has stood vacant for about 15 years.

Kathryn and Grover Howard (brother and sister) lived in the house just west of the store. It is assumed Charlie Porter built this home, as he built many in Guelph and the surrounding area. Maude and J. D. Root, Eino and Lillian Visto lived here at different times; also, Alva Burley and sons. When Grover owned the store, Kathryn had a dress shop in her house. It was always fun to learn of a new shipment and go there to try on dresses. In the early 1970's, Kathryn sold this house to Arnold "Snookie" Brummund of Oakes, and it was moved to the west edge of Oakes. You wouldn't recognize it after the remodeling job.

As we go on, there is the bank building that had been remodeled into a home (see Post Office). The next home was moved in by Harry Folkstad. He planned to buy lots just southeast of this area and put a home there, but Amos Waite did not want that building blocking his view from his home, so gave him these lots on which to locate. Harry and his wife, Lucy, and their 5 children lived there for several years. Harry owned a semi-truck and hauled livestock for the Guelph Shipping Association. When the Guelph and Oakes Shipping Association united, it was more convenient for the Folkestad's to live in Oakes, so they made the move. He sold the house to Mrs. Lois Courtney. She resided there for several years and had the Traveling Library. Arlene, Lorraine, and Doris Kunrath and Eileen Davis roomed there and did their own cooking—in one room—when they went to high school in Guelph.

The youngsters loved to visit with "Grandma" Courtney. She had big, delicious sugar cookies for treats. The Junior League—a Christian program for children—also met at her home. The next owner was Mrs. Hannah Swanson. Mrs. Balinsky and her 5 children lived in it for a time; also, the Skalbeck brothers stayed during two harvest seasons. Before Mrs. Swanson passed away, she willed it back to Roland Waite as it had been part of the Waite addition, and she felt he should have it back.

Pete Connaughton had moved a home onto this next lot. He and his wife lived there for a few years, and when he retired to leave Guelph, John Schwarting bought it. The Clifford Warner family lived in it for a short time. Then, it was torn down by Ray Hollan, and he used some of the lumber to remodel his home.

Next is the basement foundation from which S. H. Jensen moved his home. The Holiness Methodist parsonage is gone. It was part of the old school building that had been moved from the hill. The church members added another story and a room to accommodate Rev. Rue and his family. Some of the other ministers were Hardin's, Bast's, Larson's and Frietag's. John Schwarting purchased this home in the middle 1940's, and he and his family lived there until they moved to the country on the farm now owned by John Meyer—1 mile south and ½ mile east of town. Ralph Schroeder and family lived there until 1960 when they bought the Methodist Church parsonage, owned at this time by the Guelph Famers' Elevator, and the managers lived in it. Clifford Warner then bought this home from Schroeder's and lived there several years. It was then vacated and bought by Tina Tveter. She had the Oakes Fire Department burn it for a practice run.



Home of Electa Norton now belonging to Muriel Howard.

Next was Muriel Howard's home. This was built by Billy Norton for his mother, Electa Norton. She lived there with her family until she passed away. Muriel, Nettie, and Nellie continued living there; Nellie and Nettie both passed away and Muriel continued to live there until the year of the tornado in 1977 when it blew her garage away. The following year she had her home moved to Ellendale where she continues to live.

As we drive to the top of the hill, we find this house has been moved also. It is in Oakes at 209 S. 10th Street. The Norman Stahlecker's live in it. It was built by Charlie Porter; C. A. Newman and Jesse Newman lived in it. The last ones to occupy it here were the Will Linvills and their son, Ralph. Mrs. Linvill always had those delicious rolls and cookies. We "kids" love Y.M. (Youth Meetings) at their home!

We will turn around here and come back down the hill; on our left was the Groat home. In 1914, this was an old brown house that stood just south of the railroad track and was moved (and fixed suitable for rent). (Taken from the **Oakes Times**) Adolph Barsten and family lived there for some time. Adolph was the town photographer. George Cuppy lived in it several years. After he passed away, it was sold to a Krause near Ellendale; they moved it to the Krause farms in the early 1960's.

The Kirschner home was built about 1910. Carl Frederick lived there for several years. It was bought by Roland Waite after Carl Frederick moved from Guelph. The house was in very poor condition, so Roland burned it down and has since put up several bins for grain storage there.

To the east of this area is Charlotte Street, and next is the John Schwarting home. John built this in the early 1900's. All of the Schwarting children, except Clyde, were born there. (See Schwarting history) Others that lived there were C. B. Maddock and the John Maddock's. When Mrs. Schwarting passed away, Jim Waite bought it.

Just to the north was the Clint Von Eschen home. Billy Norton built this house, and in 1916, he and his new

bride, Winnie Wagner, lived in it—prior to Von Eschen's. The Barnes family, Ed Perlenfein's, and the Roy Williamson's also lived there. It was bought by Henry Provost in 1941 and moved out to his farm (SE ¼ of Sec. 16-129-61) where Kevin and Sharon Young now live.

We will come back to the lot just south of where the Carl Frederick home was located. Adolph Barke moved in the Ada #3 schoolhouse and remodeled it into a home. Prior to this, Rudolph Rabe had a home on this lot, but the house had been bought by Bill Schultz and moved to the very southeast corner of Guelph. Others that lived in the Barke home were Wally Kangas and Chris Volkers. It deteriorated until it was finally torn down.

The Roland Waite family live in the next home. It was built by Frank Denison for a boarding and rooming house in about 1914. Ellen Stephenson owned it in later years. When she married Sylvanus Waite, they lived there for some time. (See Roland Waite history). Others that lived there were John and Bea Beck, Icie Burley, Mrs. Walter Rollo (when her children were attending Guelph School) and Ray Brown's. In 1954, Roland Waite began to do some remodeling; and in June, 1954, he moved in with his new bride, Karen Andersen. As the years went on and the children arrived, he remodeled to accommodate the new members in the family.

Alma Andersen owns the house on the corner. Frank Courtney lived there in the early 1900's, as Everett Courtney was born in the home on that lot. Charlie and Hannah Swanson bought the lots and home later. Charlie was manager of the lumber yard, so with lumber readily available, he built a new home. He sold the old house to Jim Wallace, and that is the one we mentioned as we came into town that had been moved from the foundation in the Waite addition. After Charlie passed away in the late 1930's, Mrs. Swanson boarded and roomed school teachers; also students. She had two girls to a room, and every room was full—even her dining room. In later years, she had the first co-ed dorm, and she slept upstairs in the hall. The boys had the east bedroom and the girls had the west bedroom. She later housed the Post Office when she was postmistress. Alma Andersen bought the house when Mrs. Swanson passed away in the late 1960's. When the tornado went through Guelph on August 28, 1977, it took the roof off the north side of the house, and the top story had to be completely rebuilt.

Amos Waite built the next home east of Alma's. He and his wife Sadie lived there until they broke up housekeeping, and he sold it to Ellen Stephenson. It was sold back to Amos. Then the C. S. Waite family lived there and cared for Amos, as his health was failing. He passed away, and the C. S. Waite family moved to Michigan. Grover Howard purchased this house, then, in about 1939; and he and Kathryn lived there until Grover passed away and Kathryn sold it to John Maddock (April 19, 1968). They added a double garage to the north in 1981.

Just across Charlotte Street was the home of Maude and J. D. Root. This was built by Truman Thatcher (Maude's father) in about 1903. The Thatcher's lived there for some time before Maude and J. D. moved into it. It was one of the most beautiful homes in town. Maude enjoyed her home and yard. You could see her out early mowing and digging out the dandelions by hand. It was sold to the school for a teacherage about 1963. The Maynard Ketterling family and the Marlo Byberg family lived there successively the years they were Superintendents and teachers in the school. There was a big, old cistern in the basement of this house, and it became infested with garter snakes. They came out of the cold air vents in all rooms of the house; and also the stone foundation in the basement. An endeavor was made to rid the house of the pests, and it was sold to Frances Maddock in 1970 after the Guelph School annexed to Oakes. Frances and Debbie built a new home in 1976, and the "Root" house was sold to Jeff Day. He moved it south of the railroad tracks on a lot just west of where Hank Anderson lived. Unfortunately, it burned a few months after that.

Jeff Stricherz, the elevator manager, lives in the next home. It was built in 1957 for the Elevator Managers. (See Farmer's Elevator story) Fritz Kinzle had a small home on this lot prior to it being the elevator home. It was bought by Heinie Alkofer and moved out of town to what is now a Visto farm in Port Emma township (N.E.¼ of Sec. 22-129-60).

Lottie Puffer lived in the house in the trees. (See Puffer Story). It was built by her parents, the M. H. Puffer's in 1883. It was another beautiful home with very nice furniture of the era, including a baby grand piano. After Mr. and Mrs. Puffer passed away, others that lived there were Mrs. Krieger and children, C.A. Newman, Joe Skalbeck, and Fred Stromquist. This house had fallen into a heap, and the remains were burned early in 1983.

Next was small trailer home owned by Bob and Hildie Radtke. Bob constructed a room on the trailer to accommodate his growing family. It was a pretty area with Martin houses for the birds, and a swing set for the kids—all the work done by Bob. Let's not forget the fence that had a log like a saddle. The youngsters could go horseback riding anytime and not get bucked off. This was later sold to Bob Skalbeck; and Larry Weseloh bought these lots in 1975 and put up a modular home, garage, and shop. Puffer's had a store where the garage is located—with living quarters in the back. This was razed in the late 1950's.



Home of Nellie Schultz at its present location at Pheasant Lake.

Nellie Puffer Schultz's home was next. I remember it as the little green house. Among those that lived in this home were Archie Higgs, Ole Bye, Hank Anderson, and S. H. Jensen's. Nellie kept teachers at times. This home has since been sold and moved to Pheasant Lake. In 1948, Sammy Shultz (not a relative) lived in a mobile home next to hers when he was principal at the Guelph School.

Across the street, next to the church, is the Methodist parsonage. Rev. Alred Boalch, Rev. Merchant, Rev. Watson, and J. H. Brown lived here. Later, it was a teacherage. Don Sprouse, Henry Gernhardt, Russell Erwin, Bill Bauer, Howard Egan, Arthur Ekbald were the teachers that lived in this house. Later, the Farmer's Elevator bought it to house the manager and his family (see Elevator story). Norman Kolasch, a construction worker in Ellendale, and his family lived in it for a short time. Ralph Schroeder bought it, and his wife Trudy and he did some extensive remodeling in about 1961. They also put in a swimming pool. The youngsters really had a good time on those hot summer days! Ray Brown bought it from Schroeder's in June of 1966. That kitchen has been the factory for hundreds of beautiful, delicious cakes baked and decorated by Mildred Brown.

The next home was built by Arthur Olson. Walt Beck, Jack Hayenga, Clarence Bragg, and Lois Courtney were among some of the residents that lived in it. When Lois Courtney lived there, a couple of new teachers were looking for a place to room and board for the year, so were checking it out with her. She said, "Do you know Walt Beck?"

They said, "No, we don't."

She said, "You will soon. He always takes out the teachers." He did, and made that "special one"—Esther Ravenstein—his bride of some 40 years.

In 1914, L. M. Puffer purchased the K. Jensen house just east of Baker's (3 mi. east of Guelph)—built by Scott Way—and moved it next to this house that Arthur Olson built. The Martin Jensen's lived there many years; also the Bill Bauer's. Ray Brown bought it about 1949 and lived there until they bought their present home.



Home of Bill Schultz at its present location at Pheasant Lake.

Now, we will turn toward the elevator, and to the southeast was Bill Schultz's house. It has been moved to Pheasant Lake west of Ellendale and was placed next to the Nellie Schultz home. Only the barn remains here. Bill had several cows and a team of horses, and did some shoe repair work.

There is an old foundation just west of Bill's home. According to the **Oakes Times** of Nov., 1914, Jess Palmer purchased lots west of the Marshall McCartney elevator to build a house in the spring. They did, but I wonder what happened to the house?

Alan Hayenga lives in the next house. It was built in about 1920 by the Elevator, and Mr. Peterson, the elevator manager, lived in it later. Then it was sold to different parties that moved into it—H. M. Young's, H. C. Maddock's, Roy Williamson's and Fred Hayenga's. Fred passed away shortly after moving in from his farm home in 1955. His wife, Jennie, lived there until about 1977. She resides at the Good Samaritan Center in Oakes at this time. Now, Jack Hayenga owns it, and his sons, David and Alan, have lived there at different times.

The next home was built by George and Ellen Stephenson. It had a boardwalk and fence. John and Essie Schwarting lived there while John built their home on the north side of town. Jake and Mary Lou Wagner made their home there many years. Jake could play what he called the "bones"—used for rhythm—and Annie Newman would play the harmonica and chord on the piano. They were always asked to play at social functions, and would be applauded to play many numbers each time. Mary Lou was called on many times to help care for a new mother and her baby. She was deeply admired for her outspoken Christian attitude. A humorous incident happened at the Post Office, when the large commemorative stamps came out. She expressed her desire for small stamps, because she "didn't want to lick the whole world!" After Jake passed away, teachers boarded with her several years.

When I moved to this area, Harry Newman lived in a little white house just across from the west elevator. He had purchased it from George Waite and moved it from the farm—known to most of us as the Billy Norton farm 3 miles west and 1 mile south of the intersection on County Highway 12 and State Highway 11. Charlie Porter built a little white house to the south of this to be used as a wash house and extra bedroom in the summertime. Harry and his wife, Anna, had one son, Dale. Newmans lived there until they moved to Nebraska in the late 1950's. Anna had such a pretty yard, and made many sunbonnet girls and other lawn ornaments of wood to decorate her flower gardens. She was also a promoter for sewing clubs and prayer circles. Ray and Janeen Hollan purchased this house from Newman's in about 1959 and remodeled it into a beautiful home. It was sold about 1965 and moved to LaMoure, ND.

In 1974, Norma Hauser and two of her children—Susan and Gene—moved a mobile home on this lot and added a double garage. Norma always has a beautiful yard. She has spent much time and energy landscaping the southeast part of the lot. It looks like a miniature park.

Hank Anderson put up the living quarters on the next block. Part of this house was the old blacksmith

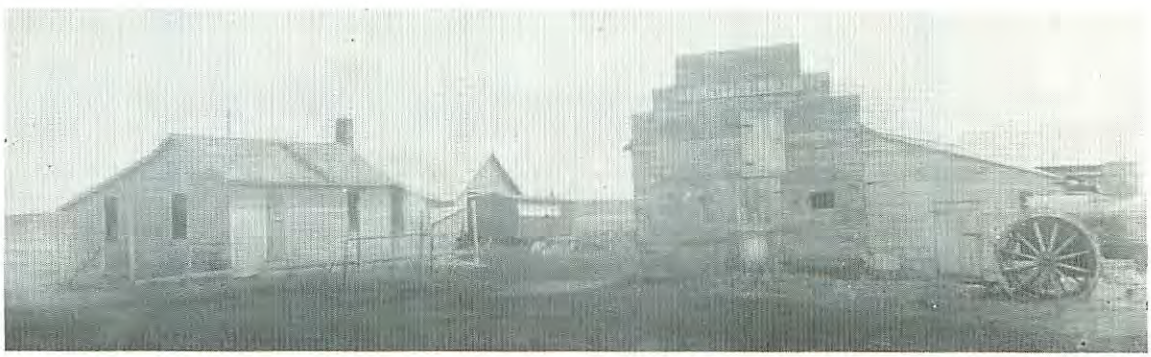
shop. He and his wife, Mae, lived there nearly 30 years. It was bought by Earl Brotherton and moved to the west and north edge of Ellendale.

Jeff Day and his wife, Loretta, had a mobile home after Mrs. Root's home burned, and they lived here for about 2 years before moving it out of town.

In an item taken from the **Oakes Times,** November, 1914, Charlie Porter was building a house for J. D. Root. That would be the home located in this next block. Maude and J. D. Root, Jim and Mary Wallace, and Harry Folkestad's lived here at different times. In the early 1950's Eino and Lillian Visto bought it and lived there until Eino had it moved to his farm in Port Emma township (N.W.¼ of Sec. 10-129-60) to be used by the hired help. It has since been moved to Oakes.

Edith Quandt told me her parents lived in a tall home between the Schwarting home and where Jeff Stricherz lives. This had once been a mill, and Edith was born in this house. It was moved out to the Ray Burkhardt farm, one mile south and ½ mile west, in the early 1900's.

This ends our journey through the village of Guelph. It is sad to think of this area having less buildings and population, but fond memories of our forefathers will live on forever.



The Stephenson home and Feed Mill in 1897. Known to us as Wagner's house.



Truman Thatcher home later occupied by Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Root. Waite home in background.



House built by Amos Waite—now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. John Maddock.



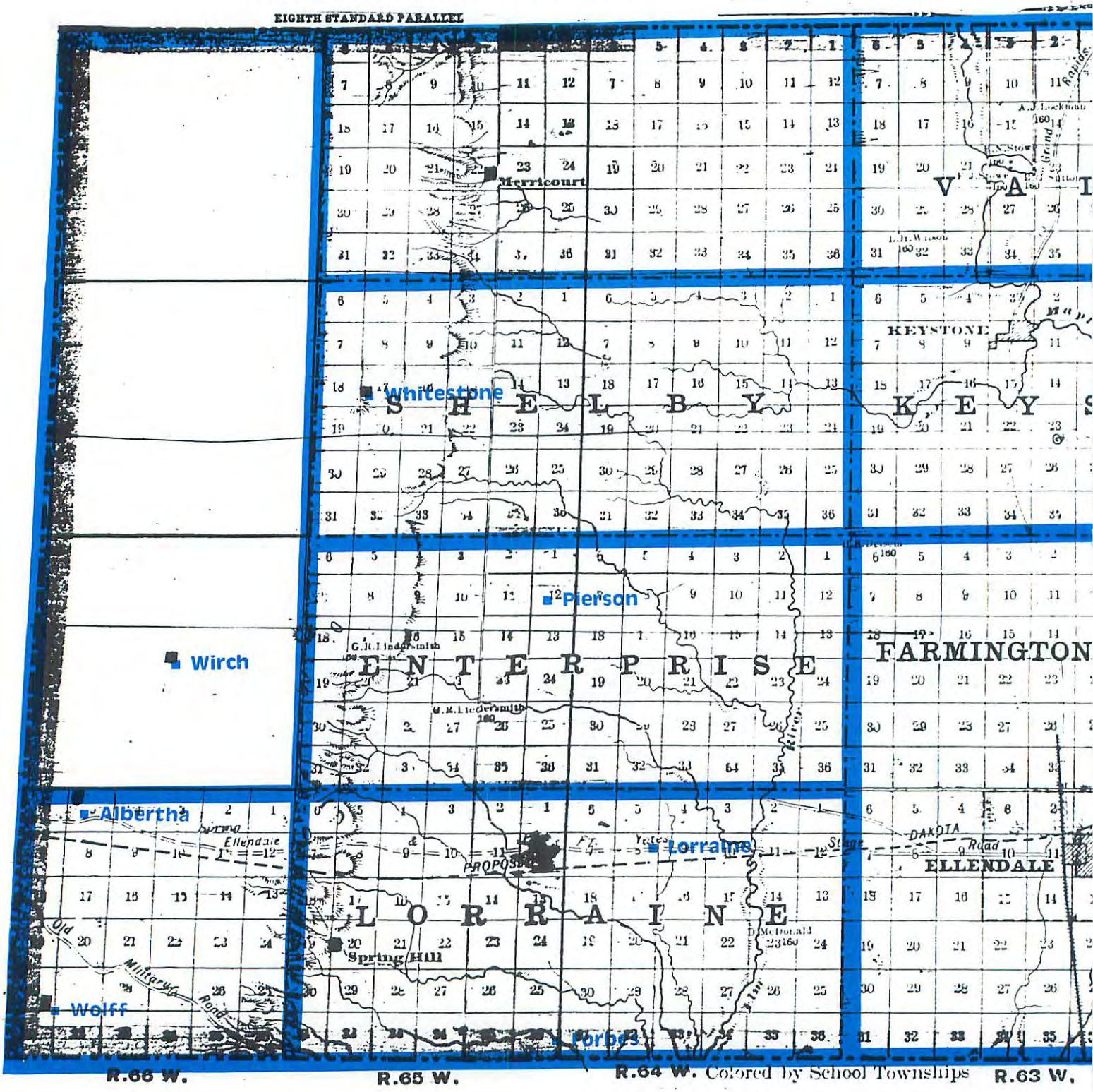
House of Charles Porter in 1914—known to us as Harry Newman's home.



House south and west of store which has brick covering on it now. Harry Newmans lived in it first. Harry and son Dale and hired man.

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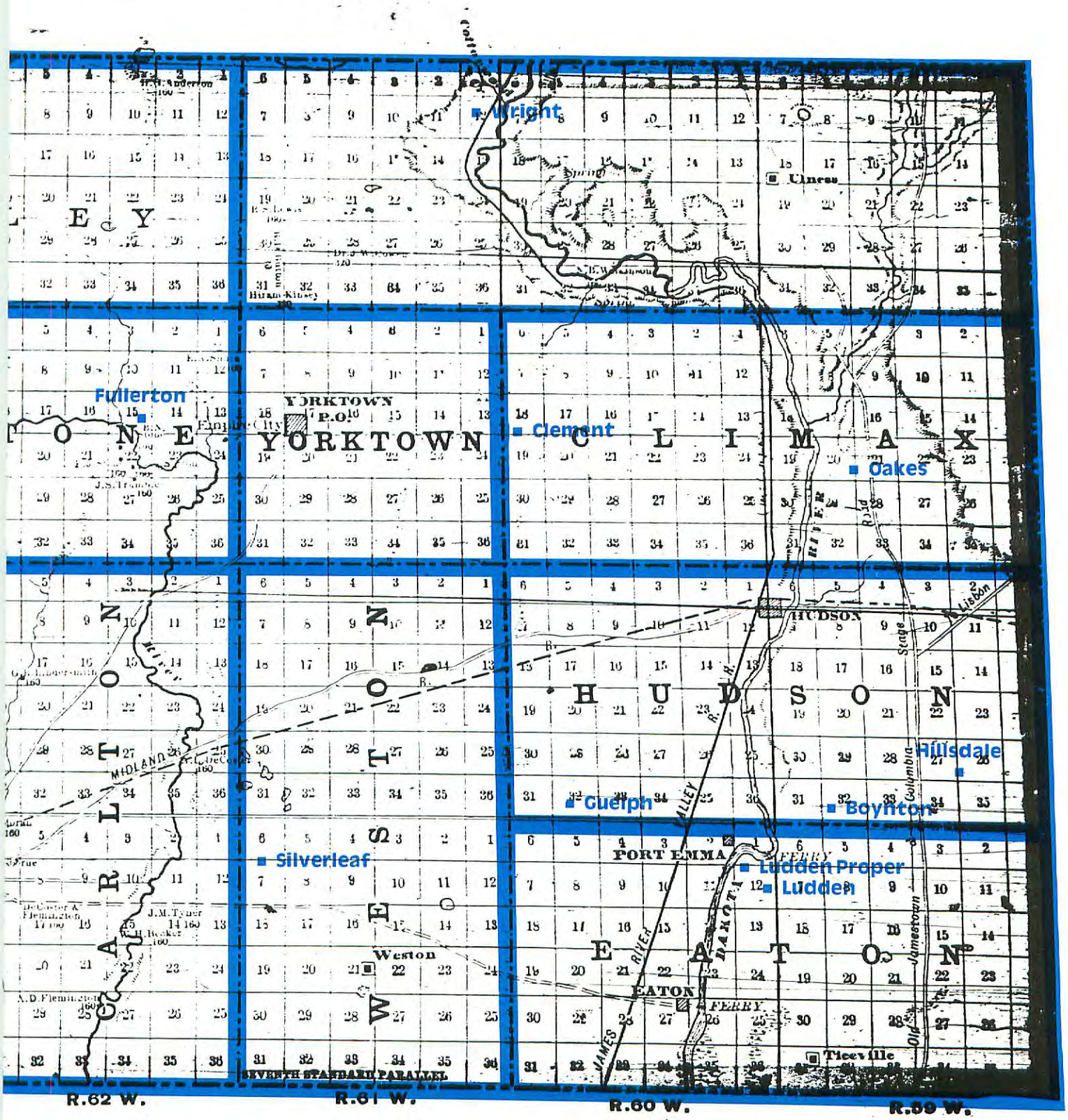


Colored by School Townships

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Ticeville ..... October 18, 1883
Hillsdale ... 1883, later Riverdale, Newton, Cresent Hill
Ludden Proper ..... July 2, 1883
Eaton 1886
Bushtown ..... 1882, later Port Emma, 1884
Guelph 1887
Hudson ..... May 1883
Ulness ... 1884, later Glover, 1887
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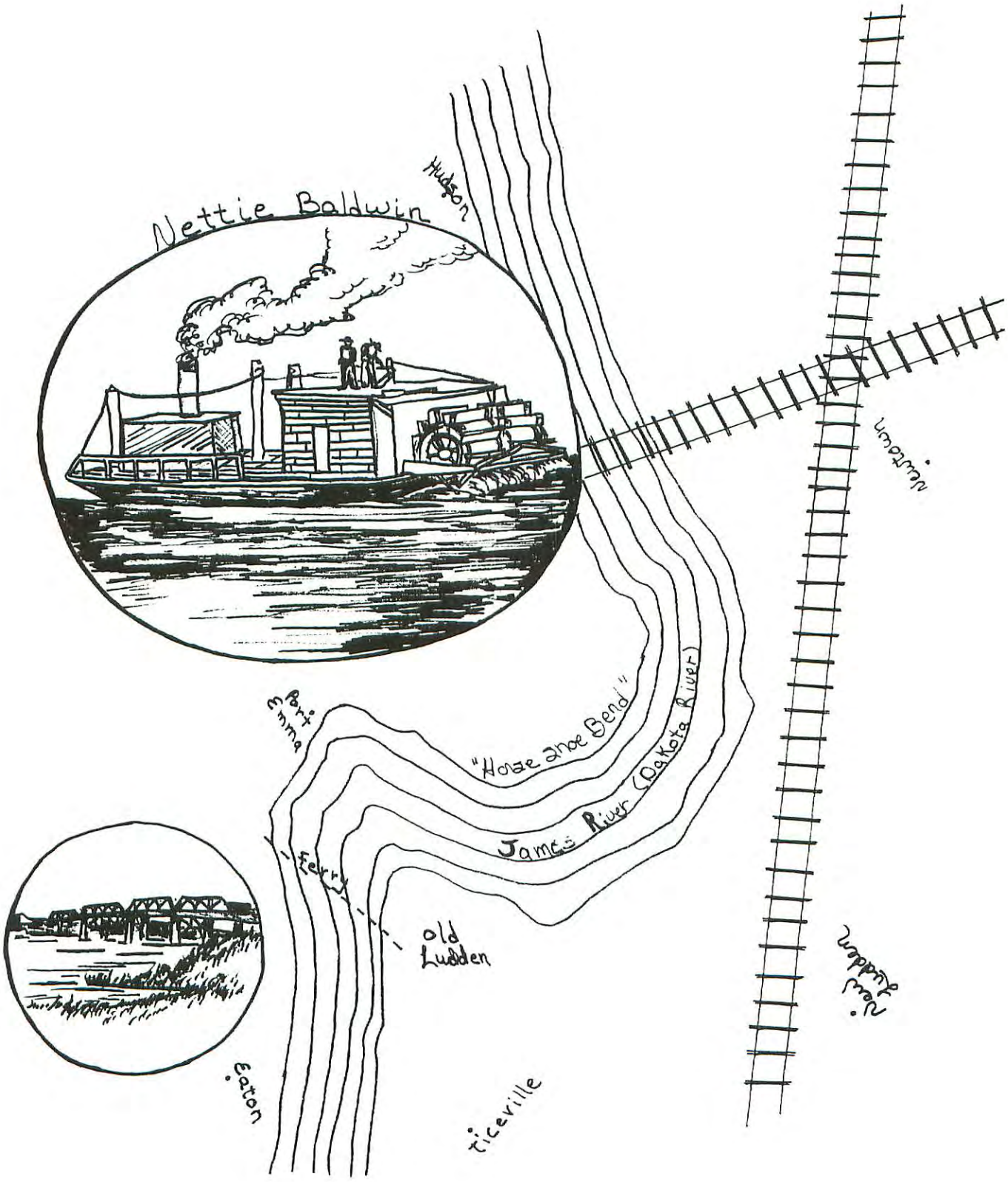
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PORT EMMA
Ludden Proper
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Tractors and people who farmed land for the Guelph school gymnasium project.

LUDDEN PROPER





A street scene in Ludden about 1900.

LUDDEN

The history of Ludden and vanished towns and James River Navigation was researched by Mrs. Marshall Visto, taking the information from **History of Ludden** by Mrs. F. L. Folsom, **Dickey County History**, **Ludden Times**, **Oakes Republican** and **The Oakes Times.**

Our new northwestern town of Ludden made its formal debut upon the metropolitan arena on Monday, June 22, 1886, when Mr. G. J. Bliss, general townsite agent for the Northwestern Railroad Co., arrived on the grounds, examined the site, placed prices upon the lots and appointed an agent to dispose of them. The move was so sudden and the lots were placed on the market so much sooner than was expected that little or no excitement attended the opening. As soon, however, as it was learned that lots could be purchased, a rush was made by those who had been waiting for this event to occur. Sixteen lots were disposed of the first day, and many more were almost as good as sold. Among the principal purchasers were: C. E. Sessions of Columbia, two lots for a machinery yard; H. F. Eaton, a lot for an office; Ogden Lovell for a post office; Ellis and Brown, lots for an office; Frank Shaw, lot for a butcher shop; W. S. Whitely for a residence and many others. Many were disappointed to learn that the company would sell a lot only on condition that a building be erected upon it within six months, costing not less than $350.00, as they had intended to buy a number of lots and hold them for speculative purposes. This had necessarily retarded the sales but it was at the same time the most encouraging indication that the company believed that this would be the best town on the line. The prices ($150.00 for corner lots and $125.00 for inside lots) are high. The contract calls for the erection of a good substantial building and everything indicates that the company believes this place will enjoy a steady, healthy growth.

Citizens of Ludden met at Randall's hall, February 9, 1887, to take steps toward the incorporation of Ludden; but the plans did not materialize until 1909. The population of Ludden in 1887 was 200 and good prospects for more.

Ludden is situated in the center of the finest portion of the James River Valley. It is located on the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad thirty miles north of Columbia and twenty-five miles south of LaMoure on the Northern Pacific Railroad, twenty miles east of Ellendale on the Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad and fifty miles west of Milnor on the Wadena, Fergus Falls and Black Hills Railroad. Thus situated it has a section of

country to draw from and is capable of supporting one of the best towns in the territory. The soil of the surrounding country is a deep black loam with a clay subsoil and is capable of yielding immense crops of small grains. No stones, no stumps to bother the farmers; but a slightly undulating expanse of fertile prairie. Although but three years old, the country is thickly settled with the most enterprising inhabitants of Michigan, Illinois, Iowa, and New England, who are fast putting under cultivation every acre of their quarter sections.

The new city of Ludden is now booming. All the lots in the first two blocks from the depot are taken and good buildings are under way. Three large elevators will be built at once. A Minneapolis party has purchased three lots for a large hotel which will be erected as soon as possible. It is safe to say that when another month rolls around, the city will be represented by nearly all classes of businesses. Lots are selling like hot cakes. McKee and Dunton purchased lot 7 block 1 and will immediately erect a large building to be used as a hardware store. These young men are known throughout the county as two of our best business men.



As soon as the new town of Ludden was platted out, the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad officials conceded to Ogden Lovell the privilege of selecting a lot in the new townsite. Mr. Lovell accepted the gift and at once moved Lovell Brothers Lumber and Coal offices from Old Ludden to the new townsite. Later the building was remodeled and used as his residence until he moved to Jamestown as superintendent of the Jamestown Insane Assylum. In 1897 Mr. Lovell sold his property to Mr. Mason.

The second house in the town of Ludden was owned by J. B. Shaw. He finished and moved into his new building on Main Street, the first of June, 1887. The lower floor was devoted to a tonsorial parlor and baths, while the second floor was occupied by himself and wife as a residence. No neater apartments were to be found in town. J. B. Shaw also built and owned the first meat market, which fed the railroad construction crew fresh meat. The building changed hands many times before it came into the possession of L. A. Sampson.

Mr. E. Crookston was the first merchant in Ludden and occupied a building that he built himself, hauling the lumber from Ellendale as the railroad was not completed. He believed in the strictly cash system, and by various devices carried out his principle and theory. The first social event of new Ludden was held at E. Crookston's new store.



Interior of Randall store in Ludden. Ethel Hyatt is behind the counter.

Randall Brothers of Old Ludden moved their stock of general merchandise to their new store in Ludden, August 13, 1886. The new store was of great size, a two story measuring 24' by 60'. They also moved the Randall Hall from Old Ludden at the same time. He operated the store until 1920 when he sold it to Lee and Orin Sampson who operated it until 1948. Ernest Maunu bought the store from them and operated it until 1955. He sold it to Vernon Doty who operated it until 1967 when it was closed. Mr. J. A. Curtiss moved his hotel to Ludden the first part of July and it was used as a boarding house, later he built the first hotel there. Mr. Curtiss was a native of New York from which state he served in the rebellion and was discharged after the close of the war from a hospital where he had been under treatment. He came to Dakota Territory in 1882 and operated the hotel very successfully until his death February 16, 1887. The poolroom owned by Jos. Fawcett was originally the old saloon building that was moved from Port Emma to new Ludden.

The **Ludden Times** made its debut July 23, 1886 with Ellis and Brown as its proprietor and editor. The first issue of the **Ludden Times** states its goodbyes to the **Port Emma Times** in this manner. "With this issue comes a slight change in this family journal. For the past three years, we have stood before in indulgent public as "**The Port Emma Times**"; but now circumstances of financial nature have made it quite apparent to us that our future home should be at Ludden, just one mile from our present location, therefore, the die is cast, the child is born and we will call it "**THE LUDDEN TIMES**" henceforth. The **Ludden Times'** new home was situated in Major Lovell's building. In making this change from a small settlement of a dozen houses to the new and thriving railroad city of Ludden, that has such an encouraging outlook for a wonderful growth, a city only a few weeks in existence but destined to become one of Dakota's chief cities, we will be able to give our patrons a much better paper.

Our office facilities have been greatly increased with a new and complete jobbing outfit of the latest style of type. We propose to give the farmers and business men a good clean, readable family paper that will prove of mutual benefit and interest to its patrons and proprietors. The **Ludden Times** was Dickey County's third official newspaper.

C. S. Brown, was born at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, April 12, 1859. He attended and graduated from Illinois high school in 1878 and graduated from Chicago University in 1882. He came to Dakota Territory in 1883 and settled on a farm in Port Emma Township, NE and NW¼ 1-129-60. He was proprietor of the Ellis & Brown newspapers of Port Emma and Ludden. Mr. Brown moved to Oakes in 1890 to take charge of the **Oakes Republic.** He married Miss Alice M. Eaton, daughter of H.F. Eaton in 1889 and they had three daughters. Mr. Brown, on November 21, 1890, took his leave of Ludden. From then on the **Ludden Times** was no more. There has been no other newspaper printed in Ludden.

The first postoffice in Ludden was situated at the **Ludden Times** Building in 1887. Records show that Eaton, Brown and Smith all served as Postmasters in 1886. R. O. Smith served as the first mailcarrier between Ludden and Ellendale. The following have been postmasters of Ludden: Ogden Lovell, 1884; (Old Ludden) Hamlin F. Eaton, 1886; Charles Brown, 1886; Thomas Smith, 1886; Thomas Faus, 1889; R. Smith, 1893; Alvak Randall, 1895; Frank Randall, 1903; Agnes Randall, 1924; Ernest Maunu, 1949; Burton Botts, 1950; Ernest Maunu, 1952; Esther Hapala, 1955; Vernon Doty, 1956. Mr. Doty today, 1983, is still postmaster in the old original Randall building.

In June, 1886, the Methodist Society of Ludden was presented with a lot on which to erect a church. There was a bee to have the stones which were donated by those who had stones on their land to be used for the foundation; and those who had none, hauled them from the Bateman Brothers farm. The contractor was Mr. W. H. Caldwell and the draftsmen were Joseph Leach and Bert Cook. The foundation was laid by Bert Cook. After the building was finished, the dedication took place October 9, 1886. The church was erected at the cost of $1,900.00



Ludden Methodist Episcopal Church.



To the left is Henry and Mary Talylor's home, the Methodist Church and at one time George Taylor, his wife and daughter lived there in the other house on the right.

Rev. C. B. Gilbert was the first Methodist minister in Port Emma, also the first one at Ludden after the town moved. He did a great deal for the welfare of his people and they felt sorry to listen to his farewell remarks, delivered November 13, 1887. He was such a hard worker that his health began to suffer. he was in Ludden and Port Emma two years. He had organized the community into religious societies, established regular places of worship at four points on his circuit and built a church at Ludden. Many will remember seeing him walking over the prairie many miles from circuit to circuit, and when he could afford to keep a horse, the heat of summer or storms of winters were never severe enough to keep him from his appointments. Rev. C. B. Gilbert died at his home in Toronto, Canada, July, 1889. The next few years, Ludden saw many ministers come and go, some of them were Rev. Bieber, Rev. Dennison and Rev. R. T. Tyrell. The Methodist Church went down in a severe cyclone storm in July 1921 and was never rebuilt.

There was an active Ladies' Aid group in this congregation. An item in the Feb. 18, 1887, edition of The **Ludden Times** reports this interesting event. "An Apron Sociable to be held Feb. 21, 1887, in Randall Hall. The ladies are requested to bring an unfinished apron with needle and thread to finish it. The gentlemen are expected to finish it before they can receive their partner for supper. A prize of a necktie will be given to the one who sews the best. The men will draw an envelope which contains the name of the lady whose apron is to be finished.

The first school in Ludden was taught by Chet Bateman in the rear of Bohannan's drug store. This was in 1886 before a school was built.

The school house was built by W. H. Caldwell the fall of 1887. Miss Eva Hauk was the first teacher of the new school. She lived seven miles east of Ludden on her own claim and drove, back and forth each day. Chet Bateman was principal. There were 60 children enrolled in the school the year of 1888. The Ludden Public School had nine grades and many of the pupils from this school won county prizes each year, testifying to the high scholastic training received in the school. This school burned down in 1931, and the present day school was built.



Ludden, ND school about 1916:

Back row LEFT to RIGHT:
Evelyn Taylor, Alta Wines, Imogene Wegner, Edna Scheffert, Mary Wines, Inez Law, Eunice Babcock, Laura Randall, teacher, Mary Crabtree, County Superintendent, Mrs. Post, teacher, Cora Gorden, Hazel Taylor, Jessie Law, Marium Bleibaum, Daisy Anderson, Hattie Scheffert, Mary Johnson. FOUR LITTLE GIRLS IN THE MIDDLE ROW ARE: Violet McKibben, Ione Wagner, Myrtle Johnson, Lina Babcock. FRONT ROW from LEFT to RIGHT are: Earl Bleibaum, Sonnie Wines, Ainsley Taylor, Harvey Sylvester, Harvey Post, Don Gorden, Ray Law Billie Greenwald, Frank Townesen, Frank Bleibaum, Buster Wegner, Harold Mingus, Clifford Anderson, Shermon Menefre, Harold Menefre, Johnie Bleibaum, Leonard McKibben, Menzo Babcock.

The school consolidated with Oakes in 1971 and the building was vacated. In November, 1972 the city of Ludden, Lovell township presented the school to the Ludden Sportsman Club for their use, and specified that they maintain and remodel it so that the township and city could also use it for board meetings and business matters.

In October, 1886, S. L. Kemmerer purchased the lots originally owned by C. S. Sessions and at once commenced the erection of the Ludden Bank, after the completion he installed his son, I. J. Kemmerer as cashier. The bank was a paying and prosperous institution as long as it was in operation. It ran until August 19, 1890, when it closed its doors and went out of existence. The new bank law which went into effect at that time rendered it compulsory for a bank to become a State Bank. One man could no longer own and operate a bank in the state of North Dakota. Mr. Kemmerer completed his bank transactions and left for good, October 1894, and returned to his home at Independence, Iowa. The new State Bank in 1911 had a capital of $10,000. and a surplus of $2,500. In 1929, Most of the banks in North Dakota went broke because of the severe drought conditions and depressed economy. The First State Bank of Ludden closed its doors in April, 1929.

The following item concerning the Ludden Cemetery was published in the **Ludden Times** of March 9, 1888. "At the town meeting, Tuesday, March 6, 1888 the matter of a public cemetery was brought up and discussed and it was voted to appropriate $200 of the township funds for the establishment of a cemetery. Samuel Dennison, Gilbert Greenwood, W. B. Allen, Ogden Lovell and B. Adamson were elected members of a cemetery association with power to procure a charter, purchase ground for a cemetery and make all necessary regulations in regard to the same."

The Ludden Cemetery was surveyed and platted April 18, 1889, for he price of $64.96 by E.J. Hermans. In 1890, Soldiers Circle was instituted, and those who served in the confederate and world wars were given the choice of lying in peace in the circle or the family plot. A stretch along the river was called Potters field. It was free ground for those who chose to use it. Many of the old settlers were already laid to rest in this cemetery, among those were James Rowe who drowned in 1884 and John Pletcher in 1889.



Ludden Cemetery in 1982.

I E. J. Hermans County Surveyor of Dickey County, State of North Dakota hereby certify that this is a correct map of Ludden Cemetery, located on the S. W. corner of Lot No. 11. Sec. No. 1. Tp. No. 129 N. R. No. 60. West 5th P.M. containing an area of 4½ acres, as surveyed and platted by me for the Ludden Cemetery Association in April A. D. 1889. I also certify that all lots, walks and driveways are of the dimensions indicated on said map, all measurements given in feet; that stakes are set at all lot corners, at corners of the grounds, also at convenient places on long lines and on curves, sufficient to assist in tracing the lines. Iron pins one inch in diameter and twenty four inches long are driving for reference, near the four corners of the Potters field — at points indicated thereon. "x I. P." Witness my hand this 15th day of April 1889. E. J. Hermans Co. Surveyor

Territory of Dakota } ss
County of Dickey } On this 15th day of April A.D. 1889 personally appeared before me E. J. Hermans and acknowledged to me that he executed the above certificate freely and voluntarily.

We the undersigned hereby certify that we are President and Secretary, respectively, of the Ludden Cemetery Association, that said Association is the legal owners of the ground represented on the accompanying map, that acting under authority of said Association we have caused said ground to be surveyed and platted as a cemetery to be known as the Ludden Cemetery as represented by said map and certificate of E. J. Hermans. The ground marked "Potters ground" to be reserved for the burial of ex union soldiers. Lots or plots marked "S" are reserved for strangers. All walks and driveways are dedicated to the public use and benefit forever. The "Potters Field" shall be free ground to those who choose to use it. Witness our hands this 26th day of April A. D. 1889.

[illegible] President.
W. B. Allen Secretary.

Territory of Dakota } ss
County of Dickey } On this 26th day of April 1889 personally appeared before me [illegible] to me known to be the President and [illegible] to me known to be the Secretary of the Ludden Cemetery Association and severally acknowledged to me that they executed the above certificate freely and voluntarily.
[illegible] Notary Public
Dickey Co
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MAP OF LUDDEN CEMETERY
LUDDEN DAKOTA.
LOCATED ON LOT 11, SEC. 1, T. 129, N. R. 60, W. 5TH P.M.

AREA 4½ ACRES. Scale 50 ft. = 1 inch. Surveyed and Platted by E. J. HERMANS C.E.

EXPLANATION. DIMENSIONS MARKED IN RED. RESERVED FOR SHRUBBERY. GREEN.

POTTERS FIELD.

Meander Line East South Dakota Trust

4734

33.78 ac.

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LINE BET. SECS. 1 AND 12

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The McCarty Brother, of Duluth, Minnesota built their elevator during the fall of 1887. It had a capacity of 20,000 bushels. It was afterwards bought by H. F. Eaton and run by him for several years. It was sold in 1893 and moved out of town. The round elevator was taken down in 1909 and a new one was erected in its place by the Atlas Elevator Co. The elevator of today is still apart of the original elevator of 1909. The farmers of early days maintained it before its sale to the Peavy Co. of Minnesota. The following were managers of the elevator: Walter Ott, 1942-48; George Jolen, 1948-50; Bob Winship, 1950-51; George Pickman, 1951-53; Vernon Doty, Sr., 1953-56; Roger Stabnow 1956-57, Harold Nash, 1957-62; B. Pottratz, 1962-64. We now know it as Shafer Seed Co. of Oakes, North Dakota, with Paul Klinger as its manager.

The first house in Lovell Township was built on Section 18-129-59, one mile south of Ludden by Major Ogden Lovell. Mr. Lovell was born in 1829 at Villete, Cartland, County, New York. He was raised on a farm and at the age of 25 married the only daughter of Captain Jessie Grant. He served in the Civil War at the rank of Major. After his release from the Army he worked for the Chicago postoffices for nine years. In 1883, they came to Dakota Territory and ploughed the first furrow in Lovell township; his brother, Egbert followed right behind him. He also dug the first well of the township. Mr. Lovell rented his farm out and moved into Ludden in the spring of 1887.

Mrs. B. L. Adamson for a time was the first white woman between Bear Creek, North Dakota, and Columbia, South Dakota. Mr. Adamson was born in Marion County, Ohio, June 18, 1828, and assisted his father in farming there. He worked in a sawmill for three years as engineer of the mill. December 12, 1849, he was united in marriage to Miss Mary J. Wilson in Indiana and to this union four daughters and a son were born. They also adopted the son of his younger sister. They moved to Lovell township in 1883 and farmed 600 to 800 acres. The farm was called the Riverside Farm, and was located on Sections 23 and 26-129-59.

From 1887 to 1889 the following businesses were in operation in Ludden; 2 drug stores, 3 blacksmith shops, 1 hardware store, 1 harness shop, 3 general stores, 2 law offices, 5 stables, 1 bank, 3 hotels, 2 lumber yards, 3 elevators, 2 private buyers, 2 feed mills, 1 printing shop, 1 meat market, 1 laundry, 1 photographer, 1 furniture store, 1 barber shop, 3 doctors, 1 insurance company, 1 loan office, 1 machine shop, 3 notary publics, 4 church societies (Catholic, Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian)

Strangers may well wonder what could have happened to spirit away so large and prosperous a town, but there is only one explanation, and that is the drought for several years which caused successive crop failures. No doubt the automobile has had a part in its decline also. As we pass over the last few years and the hard times, the Ludden of the past is gone and the old town has nearly disappeared.

In 1911, we saw a new influx of people and Ludden started its trend up. Among the new Ludden buildings were the residences of George Taylor and each of his sons, Henry and Marion. Henry, a carpenter by trade, built his home and many of the others still standing in Ludden today. After many years he sold his house to Lee Sampson and built another house across the street to the north. This home housed the electric light plant which Henry ran for years. The next floor was a feed mill where he ground feed for the farmers.

Lee Sampson and his brother Orion owned and operated a general store, the oil house and a garage while they lived in Ludden. Lee died in 1948 and Marvin Anderson bought the three story house. Marvin and his wife Geneva with their two children lived in the house many years. He owned and operated the Riverside Supper Club. Today 1983, the house is still in existence, known as the James River Game Lodge owned by Clifford Traff of Minneapolis, Minn.

Heinie Meyer opened the Ludden Cafe in 1948 which he sold to Esther Hapala in 1949. She operated it until 1957. Ruby Meyers had it in 1960-61 and Vera Doty 1962-63. Rose Burgess had it in the summer of 1964.

The following businesses are in operation in Ludden today.

Schwartings Repair owned and operated by Ernest Schwarting and his son, Maurice. Ernie built the shop in the fall of 1948. He also had a service station from 1948-1977. Ernest and Maurice went into partnership in 1970.

Tomahawk is owned by Cameron Treeby and they have cattle handling equipment such as stock trailers, feeders and portable corrals. They also specialize in artificial insemination and are affiliated with the Minnesota Breeders.



Ludden's only business of early history existing today 1983.



After blizzard of March 1966, Mrs. Evelyn Montgomery and Mrs. Ernest Schwarting in front of Ludden Tavern.

The Ludden Tavern is owned by Jack and Elsie Hayenga who purchased it in the fall of 1982. This Tavern has changed owners several times. The Kilchenmann brothers were the original owners. They sold it to John and Geneva Walker in 1946. Frank and Ruby Meyers of Oakes bought it in the fall of 1952. John and Geneva moved to Washington where John passed away. Geneva has remarried to Sam Holweger and they reside at Inkster, North Dakota. Frank and Ruby who have both passed away, sold the bar to Harry and Peggy Robb in 1956. Harry sold the bar to Ben and Esther Hapala in October of 1964. Ben passed away in 1974. Esther operated the bar until 1982 when she became ill and passed away. Her sister, Delores Anderson operated the bar then until the Hayenga's purchased it.

Shafer Seed Co. occupies the elevator which was owned by the Peavey Co. Part of it is the elevator which was built in 1909. Paul Klinger of Oakes is the manager.

Chucks Body Shop is owned and operated by Charles German. He built his building and opened for business August, 1971.

The post office occupies the original Randall building which was a general merchandise store. Vernon Doty, Sr. is the postmaster.

Cassenett Co., owned by James Anderson of Aberdeen is a private grain handling system on the north side of #11 across from the old elevator.

James River Game Lodge is owned by Cliff Traff, Jr. of Minneapolis who purchased it in 1966 from Sig Lagness of Fargo. He had purchased it from Marvin and Geneva Anderson in 1964. They had acquired it in 1950. It had originally been built by the Sampson Brothers. mr. Lagness built the smaller house to the east of it in 1965.

The village of Ludden became the city of Ludden in April 1968. At present it has a population of 47. The name was changed by order of the state as the expression village was no longer to be used.

The Riverside Supper Club, which is a mile west of Ludden, was built by Marvin and Geneva Anderson and opened for business in 1961. Marvin sold it to Don Pulfrey in 1968. Marvin Anderson, Jr. bought it December, 1974 and closed the place in November 1975. He moved to California. Kenneth Loepp acquired ownership of it in 1979 and is still operating it.

LUDDEN SPORTSMAN CLUB



Ludden Sportsman Club building. Had been the Ludden School (Eaton #1)

Ludden North Dakota Sportsman Club was started in 1951 with Ben Scheffert as its first president and Louie German as its first secretary and treasurer. The club has since had 29 different presidents. The present president in 1983 is James German. The club has had 5 secretaries and treasurers with Burton Botts serving the longest, a period of 25 years. The present secretary is Julius Wegenast of Oakes, ND who has served 6 years.

High lights of the Ludden Sportsman Club since its beginning in 1951 has been wild life, chiefly pheasants. The club has turned out many young and old pheasants, has sponsored demo derby, snowmobile races, ladies' night and family picnics. Since the beginning of the club, they have leased the Ludden school as the club's headquarters. Membership has always been in the 50 to 100 numbers. At present there are 84 members.

The first Wednesday of each month is the designated time for the regular meeting of the club.



BACK ROW LEFT to RIGHT: Ray Weise, Ernest Schwarting, Walt Quandt, and Harold Foss, Gerald German, Julius Wegenast, Ben Scheffert, John Montgomery; Some members of Sportsmen's Club.

3 Oldest Living Residents of Ludden.



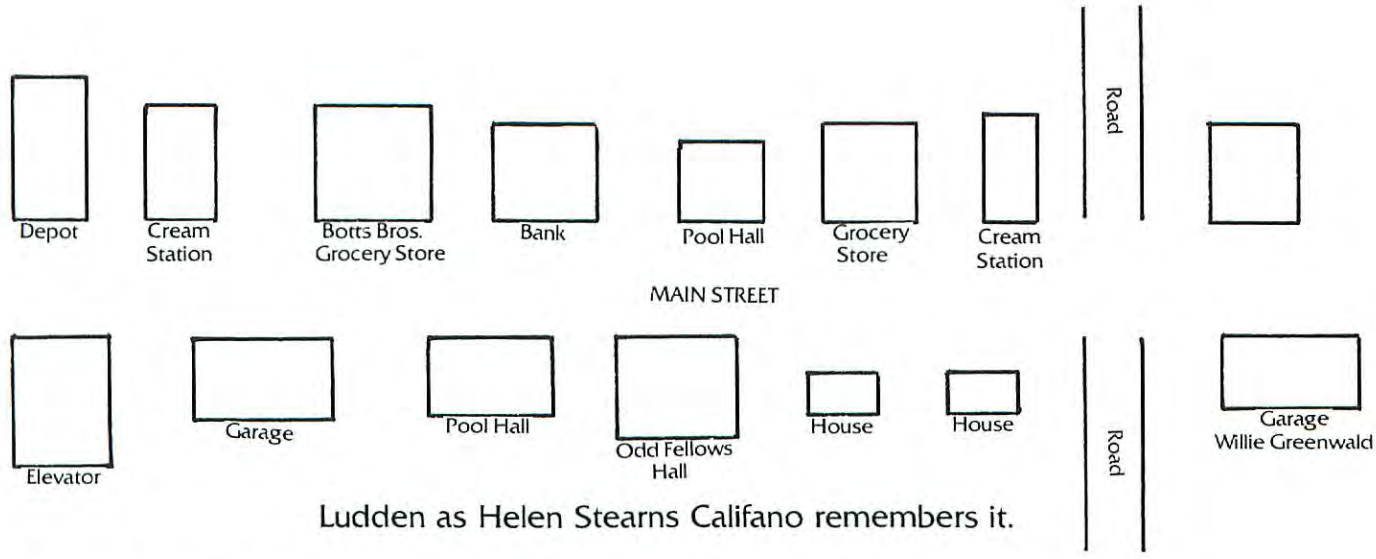
Ida Anderson, 92 yrs. old now in Ellendale Nursing Center.



Hilda Maki 84 yrs. old lives in Ludden.



Beulah Hyatt

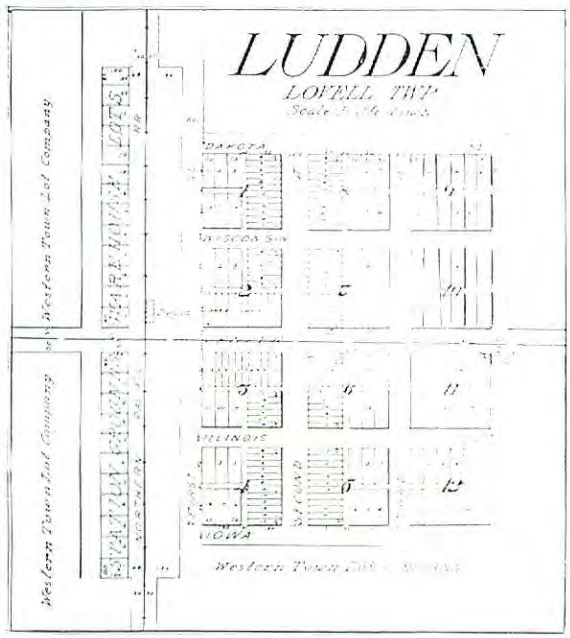


Ludden as Helen Stearns Califano remembers it.



The Ludden Homemakers Club 1930's or early 40's.

TOP ROW LEFT TO RIGHT: Mrs. Staley, Mrs. Bleibaum, Inez Law, Mrs. Matter German, Mrs. Fred Wegner.
MIDDLE ROW: Mrs. F.H. Voightman, Mrs. Dwight Botts, Mrs. Vinton Doyen.
FRONT ROW: Mrs. Bert Robins, ?, Mrs. Stan Barkers, Mrs. Walter Ott, Mrs. Perry, Mrs. Harry Young, Mrs. George German, Mrs. Harry Scheffert, Mrs. Folsum, Mrs. Ed Hankel, ?, Mrs. Earl Henry, Mrs. Earl





SILVERLEAF

Silverleaf, located in Section 6, 129-61, had its beginnings in 1887. It was to be the only village in Ada township. The St. Paul, Minneapolis Railroad had built their grade through to Ellendale in 1886 and completed laying the rails through Guelph and Silverleaf in 1887.

Dan Keenan Homesteaded the land on which the townsite was built. At this time a box car was placed there for a depot and it remained as a flag station until 1914 when a depot was built and J. I. Hill became the first depot agent.

This settlement was in need of name, so according to old timers, it owes its name to the salt humor of Dan Keenan who liked to visit and while at a neighbors one day telling "yarns", the name "Silver Leaf" on an empty tin lard pail caught his eye. He promptly cut the name from the tin pail and nailed it to the side of the box car station. Thus Silver Leaf or later Silverleaf as one word, was adopted.

Promptly the North West Elevator Company that was building an elevator at Guelph moved in and was using the same crews at Silver Leaf and by Oct. 14, 1887, the elevators at Silver Leaf and Guelph were doing heavy wheat business. Also in the fall of 1887 A.L. Burman and Wilder McTorrey started a general store and kept the post office after it was established in Oct. 17, 1887. Early mail service was not affiliated with the railroad but came in on the stage established from Ludden to Ellendale with Guelph and Silver Leaf as intermediate stops.

The other Postmasters and their appointments appear as follows: Wilder B. McTorrey, October 17, 1887; Thomas E. Miles, December 28, 1889; George O. Meek, December 6, 1893; Herbert S. Thompson, October 10, 1901; Knut A. Hagen, December 15, 1905; Oscar S. Perry, November 30, 1915; Thomas H. McGinnis, October 19, 1918; Ruth M. Haas, May 11, 1922; William C. Haas, May 3, 1929;; Miss Myrtle Hagen, Acting Postmaster, April 5, 1934; Miss Myrtle Hagen, Postmaster, May 5, 1934. The post office was discontinued December, 1938. Effective December 31, 1938 all mail was delivered from Ellendale.

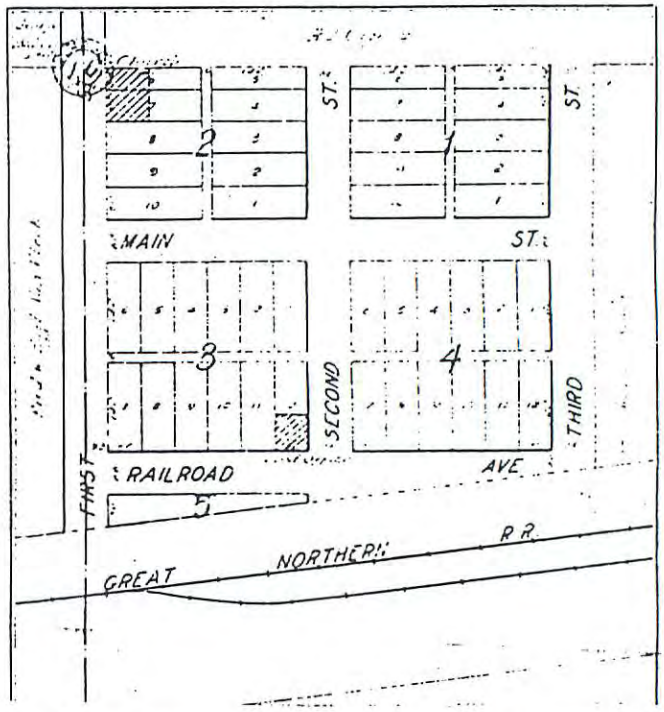
In Aug. 22, 1901, Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Baker, Jr. of Guelph area moved to Silver Leaf as Mr. Baker was secured as agent for the North West Elevator. In later years Tom McGinnis became manager and held this position for quite some time. Later the elevator was sold to the Monarch Elevator Co.



General Store in Silverleaf owned by Knute Hagen.

In 1903 Knute Hagen of Tenold, Iowa, went to North Dakota to visit a cousin, Ovie Knudsen in Silverleaf. He and his brother were operating a store in Tenold so when he reached Silverleaf he met a Mr. Thompson who was proprietor of the General Store and liked what he saw. When Mr. Thompson died shortly after Knute's visit, his widow contacted Knute to see if he wanted to buy the store. Mr. K. Hagen came back and bought the store in 1905. Knute returned to Iowa to marry Mae Gall, who came out in 1906. They were to raise all their children in Silverleaf. They lost their store and home in a fire but rebuilt each one. The new store housed the post office, general store and men's club room.

In its prime Silverleaf had besides the depot, two stores, two elevators, post office, cream station, lumber yard, stock yard, dance hall, an athletic club and a church. Also for a time John Laho was the Savo mail carrier and would pick up mail and whatever the train dropped off to be delivered from the Silverleaf station.



Telephone communication arrived early in Silverleaf. In a 10-23-'98 item it was reported over near Silverleaf the Midland Telephone Company ran out of wire so connected a barbed wire fence into the line for about one-half mile. It was working so well that it was concluded it might be left at that. By 5-28-1908 the Silverleaf telephone company was established and were meeting with Ellendale to complete arrangements for building a line to Ellendale.

The community was settled by the people from various states, chiefly Michigan and a group of Finnish people from Calumet, Michigan.

The second elevator had been built prior to 1912. The item of 11-14-1912 mentioned that the State Elevator had changed hands with Henry Wall replacing Sam DuRand as the new agent.

By now many of the settlers of the area were becoming discontented and sold their holdings, the great majority of the claims going to Mr. George Baldwin of Appleton, Wisconsin, who had great faith in

the future of this country. He was to establish seven ranches in the area and more farther north.

In building up these farms there was a large amount of transportation and for marketing their products a storehouse was needed on a railroad line. Overtures were made to the Great Northern Railroad at Silverleaf as it was near headquarters but in some way the corporation and Great Northern did not come to acceptable terms, so an elevator and platform was built on the Soo line just where it entered the northwest corner of Section 22 of Yorktown township. Thus Silverleaf was denied a third elevator and a good opportunity to increase its trade.

In 1911 Silverleaf was challenging other baseball teams with one of their own. In the **Leader** for 5-18-1911 they were crossing bats with the NI of Ellendale. E. Wallace, H. Vandmecker, T. Sharp, J. Wallace, F. Hoop, J. Collet, J. Carlson and B. McKeague were on the Silverleaf line up.

Also this item in which Guelph was to receive a good amount of ribbing:

Silverleaf picked up a baseball nine Sunday and journeyed to Guelph where they met the Guelph team. Owing to the fact that it was on the Sabbath and within the city limits it was stopped by the city mayor in the sixth inning. Wallace and Hoops were Silverleafs battery and Bailey and Oliason for Guelph. That same column stated that there was talk of organizing a ladies baseball team and that the young ladies were observed playing catch on the city streets quite early on a Sunday morning. We are expected to hear from the manager soon.

Guelph and Silverleaf were friendly rivals on many events and in many games of baseball one team winning and then the other on a rematch.

By July 29, 1915, the Silverleaf Farmers had formed a company and a new farmers co-op came into being. The board of directors met and elected the following: President, John Skoglund; Secretary, H. H. Perry; Treas. William Poykko. The State elevator had been purchased and the new organization was to be ready for the grain when threshed.

Later the farmers bought Hagen's store and Knute devoted his full time to farming. His wife, Mae, operated the cream station for 13 years.

In 1904 the Union Church had its beginnings in Silverleaf when Moda Gorman, Mrs. Christenson and Hagens had a Christmas program and a Christmas tree; a free oyster stew and all the trimmings!

Every year after that a Farmers Day was held in June with free ice cream served compliments of the cream station.

In 1926 Bill and R. Mable Haas from Devils Lake, North Dakota, moved to Silverleaf. Mr. Haas had worked for a lumber company in Devils Lake and now decided to establish the Silverleaf Lumber Company. Perhaps Bill had the first "mini-mall" in the area when he conceived the idea of operating a grocery, hardware, pool hall, restaurant and dance hall all in separate buildings but connected to each other. He also had an icre house in the adjacent area and had the post office for a time with both he and Mrs. Haas serving appointments as postmaster.

On June 29, 1921, a cyclone went through and another on July 2 which flattened the lumber company and sheds but they were rebuilt.

The winter of 1936 the local depot was a busy place as all roads were closed due to heavy snow and frequent blizzards so the only means of getting groceries was by way of the Great Northern.

Many dances were held in the Woodmen's Hall and later in the Haas hall. The early announcements appeared frequently in the Silverleaf items and read like this: Don't forget the dance at the Woodmen's Hall. Dance will begin at 9:30 P.M. Everybody come. Ladies please bring cake!

With the coming of better roads and the automobile small towns were losers. Business in Silverleaf slumped and one by one buildings were abandoned and torn down for lumber or burned.

Both elevators were lost. One was bought in 1941 for the lumber and torn down and moved to Cogswell where the lumber was used in construction of an annex to an elevator there. Leonard Hagen recalls that he was in on the destruction of the "old" and supervised the construction of the "new" annex in Cogswell.

In 1947 the other elevator had been purchased by Ellendale Grain and Seed, a partnership of J. H. and L. J. Boekelheide and used for storage until 1955 when it was destroyed by fire.



The burning Silverleaf elevator.

This was the final blow to Silverleaf as a service center. At this writing only Mrs. K. A. Hagen and the Roger Johnson family reside there. Roger built a new home on the original Tom McGinnis lots there.

Two other well known residents were Anna Minton and John Wallace. An old famous land mark, the big barn of Tom McGinnis was destroyed by fire.

We ponder the details of this item of Silverleaf as written in 1911: "We all know as the Guelphites do, that Silverleaf has always been Guelph's Waterloo in everything we undertook, namely baseball, foot racing, horse racing and a better business town. But evidently we must admit that she got one the best of us, and that she knows all about the $25.00 the 'Leader didn't get.' "

Guelph's reply in the next week's paper: "We are all glad to know what the $25.00 was for 'the Leader didn't get.'

But keep up good courage, we believe you will get it yet." Did You Ever???

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SILVERLEAF HOMEMAKERS CLUB

The Silverleaf Homemakers Club was organized on May 3, 1930, with Mrs. Rozella Wallace as president. Mrs. Mable Kittleson as vice-president, Mrs. Ethel Hatfield as Sec.-Treas. and Mrs. Maud Stucker as chairman of reports.

The following were some of the other members at one time or another throughout the years: Gladys Burlingame, Mrs. Con Bymers, Mrs. Bob Bymers, Irma Dickinson, Mrs. Kenny Doyen, Mrs. Leo Dunn, Vernie Dinsmore, Theresa Gorman, Ruth Haas, Evelyn Handel, Mae Hagen, Mrs. Emil Holmberg, Hillia Hokana, Mayme Hokana, Edna Hatfield, Irene Hatfield, Mrs. Ray Hill, Mrs. Bob Higgs, Rayme Higgs, Mrs. Waldron Higgs, Mrs. Knutson, Caroline Minard, Myrtle Morgan, Mrs. August Nishek, Mrs. Bill Pahl, Freda Pierce, Sophia Skoglund, Inga Strand, Nora VanSickle, Mrs. Marie Vasvick, Mrs. Vivian Vasvick, Mrs. Hannah Verlin, Angela Wilson, Mrs. Lila White, Mrs Hilda Wanttie, Mrs. Ben Wegner, Mrs. Joan Wold, and Mrs. Isaac Youle.
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This Homemakers club was active through 1959. There are no records after that.

THANKS FOR SMALL TOWNS AND THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN THEM

You know you are in a small town when

You don't have to use your turn signal because everyone knows where you are going

You are born June 13 and your family receives gifts from the local merchants because you are the first baby of the year.

You dial a wrong number and talk for 15 minutes anyway.

You are run off the main street by a combine

Third street is on the edge of town

Someone asks you how you feel, then listens to what you say

You speak to each dog you pass by name, and he wags at you by name

You get married and the local paper devotes a whole page to the story

You miss a Sunday at church and receive get-well cards.

THANK GOD for small towns . . . and the people who live in them.

Excerpts from the North Dakota Union Farmer

JAMES RIVER VALLEY RAILROAD

The James River Valley Railroad was the line that T. W. Bush was banking his dreams on for the town of Port Emma. This was the railroad he listed in his ads in the Port Emma Times.

The promoters and those providing the initial funding of this rail were E. P. Wells and R. E. Wallace, bankers of Jamestown; Thomas Lloyd, Mayor of that city; Anton Klaus, a resident business man; and several other James River Valley citizens.

E. P. Wells was president and the other officers were V. P. Kennedy, F. S. Rudisill, S. Wade and W. C. Houghton. These men formed the corporation in Jan. of 1883 with capital of $100,000. The James River Valley Railroad was surveyed out primarily on the west side of the James River and was to pass through Grand Rapids, LaMoure, Port Emma and Ordway, SD and form a connection with the Milwaukee and Northwestern. This was a distance of about 100 miles of which 70 miles were graded before their money ran out.

In July of 1884 H. F. Eaton commenced working on 6 miles of grade between Eaton and Ordway that he had contracted for in the fall of 1883 for the J.R.V.R.R.

All work ceased on this railroad in Aug. of 1884. The Port Emma Times carried this item 8-21-1884, "___Cessation of the work on the J.R.V.R.R. was caused by a bad break in stock the last of June. At a conference of Rock Island officials and New York capitalists it has been partially arranged that the Rock Island would capitalize the J.R.V.R.R. and take it's bonds. On the 26th of June when financial matters generally were very discouraging the Rock Island resolved to postpone further consideration on the new project for 60 days."

A subsequent announcement stated that no more work would be done in 1884.

In Jan. of 1885 the J.R.V.R.R. was purchased by Livingston and Merrian. William R. Merrian was a director in the Minneapolis & St. Louis road. Crawford Livingston was a director in the Wisconsin, Minnesota and Pacific. Both lines were controlled by the Rock Island.

These two men had iron laid from Jamestown to LaMoure and trains running by Dec. of 1885, but no plans to build any further.

With the news that the J.R.V.R.R. would not build south of LaMoure the people between LaMoure and Aberdeen organized the Aberdeen, LaMoure & Pierre Railroad and adopted articles of Inc. with the intention to locate the line and commence grading in the spring along the James River Valley. Their plans were in vain.

By the middle of March, 1886, the news from Columbia, SD was that the Northwestern was seriously considering extending their road north along the river. By the end of March the Northwestern Railroad sent a party of surveyors north.

In April Assistant General Supt. Sandborn, after making a trip to LaMoure, returned to Columbia and announced that the extention is to be made at once to a point 50 miles north of Columbia. The towns of Houghton, Hecla, Ludden and Oakes were located. When the survey was run through Ludden (new) the

people of Port Emma protested, so a dummy survey was run through Port Emma, to placate the people.

The Port Emma Times mourned with this item 4-9-1886, "The location of the town across the river deals a death blow to many a long cherished dream of wealth accumulated from the sale of town lots. The result of three years of hard labor towards building up towns for this Valley has been set aside, and the rich benefits given to ones whose ambitions never ranged higher than the possession of a well cultivated farm. For those who have long hoped that the town might be on this side of the river, it is not yet time to despair; for out of all this two facts still remain as straws of hope; a survey has been run on this side of the river, and the company has only paid a very small sum for the refusal of this land for 30 days. Many claim that the operation on this side was simply a blind that the land on the other side might be obtained as cheaply as possible. Might not the same reasoning apply to what has been done on the east side. A very few days will solve the problem."

With the rail on the east side of the river, Port Emma's hopes were gone. The Manitoba (Great Northern) was coming, but that was a year away. To survive, a town needed a railroad. By the fall of 1886 Ludden had rail service and was a boom town.

As of this writing (1983), we have just about come full circle, for in Jan. of this year the Chicago Northwestern has filed for abandonment of the Aberdeen to Oakes line. Time will tell the outcome.



Chicago Northwestern at Ludden.

DAKOTA MIDLAND RAILROAD

The Dakota Midland Railroad was organized in July of 1882 and the general office was located at Ellendale. The name adopted at that time was the "Ellendale & Wahpeton Railroad Co." May 1, 1883 the name was changed to "Ellendale East & West", and again on March 14, 1884 it was finally named the "Dakota Midland Railroad".

The officers were Pres. William A. Becker, Judge of the Probate Court of Dickey County; Vice Pres. A. H. Whitney; Secretary A. A. Hardy; Treasurer M. N. Chamberlain.

The proposed route started at a point two miles south of Fort Yates, on the Missouri River, and then nearly east to Ellendale. From Ellendale on a northeasterly direction to Hudson on the James River, entering Kent Township on Section 30 and thence on a straight line to Hudson townsite on Section 1. From Hudson the route took an easterly direction to the Dakota-Minnesota line just north of Fairmount. Much of the survey was made and some of the actual grading was done west of Hudson townsite and some east toward the Minnesota line.

The St. Paul and Pacific, which came to be known as the Soo Line, finally acquired the rights of the old Dakota Midland, but chose a different route west of Oakes for actual construction of their road.

The Dakota Midland platted the townsite of Hudson in May of 1883.

OLD JAMES RIVER

(Taken from the **Brown County Sentinel**)

The James River—ever since the first white man of record, Pierre LeSeuer, fastened his eyes on it in 1683, and mapped it from Huron to Yankton; ever since the Verendrye brothers crossed it in 1742 on their way to the Black Hills; ever since old Pierre Dorian built the first white man's hut on its banks near its mouth in 1780; ever since Jean Baptist Treudeau named it the Jacque river in 1794, (Riviere a' Jacques is a French name from which the English term James or "Jim" is derived) ever since the Indians that lived along the banks of the James (the original Indian name for the James was known as the Chan-san-san or Tchan-san-san, meaning "river where the white barked trees grow,") ever since the first authentic geographies of the territory were published, it has been compelled to carry the stigma of being "the longest unnavigable river in the world."

It rises near Devils Lake, North Dakota, meanders its way southward across the two Dakotas, and empties into the Missouri, three miles to the east of Yankton, South Dakota. Either from the standpoint of geologic periods of time or measured in terms of years, the Jim river's exact age is unknown, but it must be at least several thousand years old.

It is 480 miles long and its average fall is only four inches to the mile, so it is just naturally sluggish. When one stands on its banks a few miles above or below one of its numerous dams, and looks into it, one wonders whether or not it is flowing at all, and if so, which way.

Regardless of its sluggishness, when the white man began to occupy its valley during the latter half of the 19th century, he decided to dam it up, harness it and put the old tramp to work. My! How it hates the white man to this day for that. It welcomed the Indian with his canoe, sailing on its bosom, and it gladly furnished him fish for feed, because they both had in their breasts the same instinct—the call of the wild. But when the white man began to dam it up and put it to work for him, it rebelled. This intrusion by the white man changed the Jim river from a lazy tramp to a valuable public servant.

Then, too, regardless of its sluggishness, it gets on rampages now and then. In the spring of 1880, it sent

down a wall of water 20 feet high and swept away all of the white man's property in to its valley, all this material was all carried on down and dumped into the Missouri. Again, in the spring of 1898, in mid-summer of 1905, and at certain specified intervals since, including the spring of 1944, it has sent down flood waters from bluff to bluff and has done a lot of damage. This has caused the white man to quit building his homes on its bottom, and to establish himself on its hillsides. It is a stubborn old stream, and it doesn't yield readily to the white man's interference.

The Missouri river is the mother of the Jim. Originally, the Missouri flowed down the James river's valley. But, eons ago, two large glaciers came down from the north, side by side, and one of them dumped a big deposit of rock and earth into the channel of the Missouri in North Dakota, and dammed it up. This forced the Missouri to make a detour, 75 miles to the west, for a stretch of 750 miles, until it finally got back down around to its old bed at the mouth of the Jim near Yankton, South Dakota, and followed it to the sea.

This gave birth to the James river which pre-empted the Missouri river's old bed; and the James has since carried away a part of the surplus waters of two states and has presented them to the Missouri.

Under the new irrigation project, being planned as a part of the Missouri river development plan, the James river ought soon to grow into a large stream. It has always been more or less anemic, and it needs a water transfusion from the Missouri, with which to rejuvenate itself.

JAMES RIVER NAVIGATION CO.

(Taken from the **Brown County History**, 1980)

Steamship line from 1883-1886— The James River is not usually regarded as a navigable stream, because its shallow, winding course presents almost insurmountable problems for any boat larger than a canoe. Two Civil War Veterans, General M. R. Baldwin and Major James Peck, never-the-less formed the James River Navigation Company in 1883 in Columbia, Dakota Territory. They acquired two small steamers, the Nettie Baldwin, a side wheeler and the Fannie Peck, a stern wheeler, which they named for their wives. Since the 1880's were a period of unusually good moisture for the area, high water levels in the James River favored river travel. The northern terminus of the steamship route was Ypsilanti, LaMoure, and Port Emma, North Dakota, depending upon the condition of the river. The southern terminus was Columbia, where a dam built in 1879 formed a lake. On a typical trip, the sixty miles to Port Emma could be navigated in six hours and as many as twenty-six passengers could be carried. In the first six weeks of the boating season in 1884, the line carried almost four hundred tons of freight and more than three hundred passengers, picnic and hunting excursions increased the business and for a while there were dreams of future expansion.

In 1883 after one season, the Fannie Peck was sold, disassembled and shipped out. 1886 was also the first of a series of dry years, that fall, the Nettie Baldwin was tied up at its dock. In the next few years, the river was dry and the dam went out at Columbia. The Nettie Baldwin never steamed the James River again.

NETTIE BALDWIN

Captain Bob Wilson who resided near Columbia, Dakota, was a boatmaker by trade. He built the Nettie Baldwin at Jamestown, North Dakota, in the year 1881. In the spring of 1882 the boat was brought down the river to Columbia, they thought it was too small for the freight they would have to carry, so they cut it in two and built in another twenty feet. When they made the next trip up the river they found it was too long for such a crooked river. Mr. Wilson estimated the length to be about sixty feet.

The boat was named the "Nettie Baldwin" for the daughter of a Columbia banker. She was a flat bottomed scow, drawing only a few feet of water, a sternwheeler, very difficult to protect the cargo, and in its last season, it spoiled a cargo of flax by getting it wet. It carried its load on the deck, and when not carrying much freight it could carry twenty-five passengers.

The Nettie Baldwin and her captain, George Pontine, made their first arrival at Port Emma, April 17, 1884, and the fact that this townsite was a port of call. it gave the town its new name. The steamer went up as far as Hudson, coming up one day, remaining over night and going back the next day. On some occasions it went up to LaMoure.

Freight rates on the Nettie Baldwin were: lumber $3.00 per M; coal $3.00 per ton; merchandise 15¢ to 25¢ per 100 pounds; passengers $1.50, round trip $2.50.

June 19, 1886, the Nettie Baldwin made her farewell trip to Sand Lake. Soon afterwards the boiler and engine were removed and her haull laid to rest at Columbia. Later, her lumber was used to build Ray Jackson's house of Columbia. The house is still in existence today. (1982)

WANDERLAND

(Taken from the **Dickey County History** and the **LaMoure County History**)

Captain Alex H. Alexanderson, a freighter, had been working on the Benton Packet Line out of Bismarck, North Dakota, and was interested in boating. In 1909, he was doing carpenter work in LaMoure and Dickey counties, and conceived the idea of building a boat on the James River. His boat was to be eleven feet wide at the bottom, 16 ft. at the top, and sixty-one feet long, but these dimensions had to be changed to let the boat through some of the bridges. The work of construction was done on the south bank of Bear Creek near the N.P.

bridge a mile and a half north of Oakes, North Dakota. The boat was launched about the middle of July, 1910. The work was well done and the boat drew only about a foot of water with all its machinery aboard. It had to be floated down Bear Creek to the James, where it was first put into commission about the first of June, 1912. Five excursions from the bridge west of Oakes were run that year, and some excursions from LaMoure and other points on the river were made. The Captain lived on it the summer of 1912 and again in 1913 when one or more excursions were run, but the water in the James River was low that year. On July 4, 1914 the boat made its last trip and was taken back to the starting point about five miles below LaMoure, where later it was pulled up on the bank and taken apart for the material to be used for other purposes.

REDWING

(Taken from the **Dickey County History** and the **LaMoure County History**)

Another boat was built by Captain Alex H. Alexanderson in 1914, this boat was named the Redwing and was built about five miles south of LaMoure, North Dakota. The boat operated on the James River from LaMoure to Columbia, South Dakota, for three years.

Bridges for roads killed river navigation on the James River, so Captain Alexanderson pulled his boat up upon land at Fullerton, North Dakota.

The Redwing was presented to the city of LaMoure by the Alexanderson estate. Along with the boat was the original one-horse power Wisconsin engine and many original tools. The Redwing is still on disply at LaMoure, North Dakota (1982)



The Redwing in its shelter in LaMoure. Taken in 1982.

BRIDGING THE JAMES

The James River was no small barrier for the farmers of 1882 who needed to get their grain to the nearest railroad which was in Ellendale, 19 miles away. Accidents with horses and ferries were not uncommon. Several attempts were made to build fords at Port Emma, but were unsuccessful. The first bridge across the James left much to be desired. The Port Emma Times reporter recorded the progress from the beginning and never seemed to be too impressed with the first contractors.

During the summer of 1884 the County Commissioners decided to put the bridge to a vote of the county. It passed overwhelmingly in the November election. Bids were let and Ritchie and Hanlan were awarded the contract.

With news of a bridge at Port Emma the James River Navigation Co. of Columbia threatened to tear down anything that obstructed the passage of the "Nettie"

However work commenced on the bridge Feb. 19, 1885. "Work on the bridge was slow, due to lack of tools, non arrival of lumber and super abundance of water. The contractors were to have it done in 10 days, and they have already worked on it a month. Judging from the specimen of work the contractors have thus far furnished us, the prospect of having a bridge is poorer still," so stated the **Port Emma Times.**

The commissioners voted to accept the bridge if the contractors deducted $150 from their bill. The approaches to the bridge were put in by the townships on each side of the river.

The **Port Emma Times** editorialized Aug. 6, 1885: "It is only two months since the first team crossed the bridge at this place, yet we are obliged to call the attention of the proper parties to the fact that it needs repairing. The floor already bears the appearance of a billowy sea, while the trusses look like so many ships in a storm or a line of bachelors returning home from a protracted club meeting. Some are fondly leaning toward each other, locked almost in each others arms, while others are threatening to part company with the crowd and commit suicide by drowning. Let those whose duty it is see that the proper repairs are made before the strain of wheat hauling commences, or that impressive monument of the bridge contractors' inability will suffer an earlier death than that to which it is already doomed. Fortunately perhaps for Messrs. Ritchie and Hanlan, this structure will not always stand as a blot on their fame. Another year and it will be 'though lost to sight, to memory (and to county) dear.' In less than a year perhaps the Finlanders below here, as they harpoon the floating fragments, will bless the fates which presided at the building of such a structure and forever more will the names of Ritchie and Hanlan be found among them as two of their most gracious Penates."

Signs were placed on the bridge as the Ludden correspondent for the **Dickey County Leader** stated: "Not Safe" reads two notices on the bridge at Port Emma about one third away from the end."

"A few days ago a lady coming from Ticeville with a horse and buggy drove on to the bridge when she was confronted with the notice. Thinking it imprudent to run into danger she stopped. Here was a problem to

be solved. To turn around was impossible, to back off the bridge and grade 100 ft. long, 10 ft. high and only 8 ft. wide was a thing not to be tried by one inexperienced in driving. So she unhitched the horse and led him back to Ludden for assistance to get her buggy off before it went down in the wreck. She was told it was safe for the horse and buggy."

Due to the heavy traffic the bridge went from bad to worse. It was closed to traffic in January of 1886, and repairs were made while they could make a temporary detour on the ice. A path of straw and manure were spread on the ice to give the horses footing.

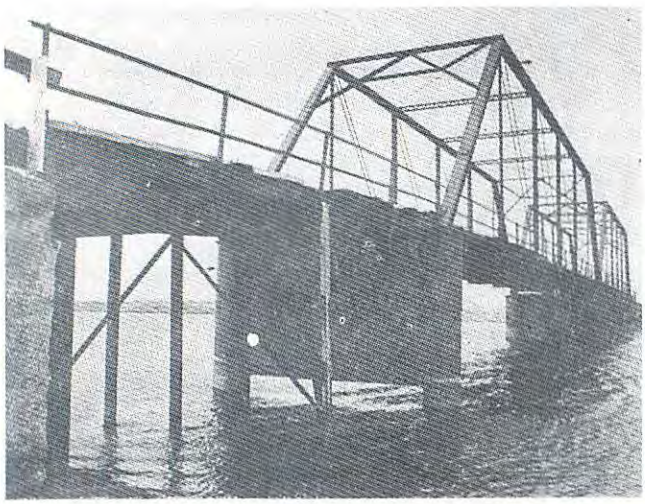
Apparently the repairs did not help much for in August of 1887 work on a new bridge commenced, locating between sections 1 and 12 of 129-60 (present site). The County Commissioners were not taking any more chances and contracted the Chicago Northwestern Railway Co. to do the building, since they had experience of building railroad bridges. The work was completed in July of 1888, and must have been a good bridge, because the **Port Emma Times** reporter complemented the contractor on the job.

This bridge lasted until after the turn of the century when in 1902 the County Commissioners contracted with William S. Hewitt & Co. of Minneapolis, Minn. to build a four fold steel bridge, for a bid of $7,897.00. The bridge lasted until 1932.

Automobiles were becoming faster. Better roads and bridges were needed. A new bridge was built west of Ludden in 1932. It was slightly over 200 ft. long and 24 ft. wide at the top and was supposed to let cars pass at any speed. It cost $24,000.00.

John Bleibaum was in charge of the dedication. Henry Meyers barbecued a large steer. The Oakes band played. The Ludden and Guelph baseball boys played Oakes. Oakes won 10 to 2. A series of prize fights were on the bill.

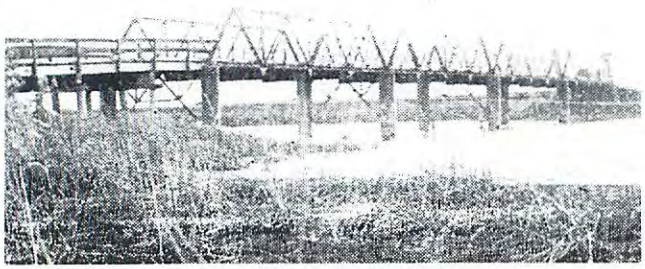
The Ludden bridge was widened in 1968.



State line bridge built in 1907 and measured 268 ft. long.



State line bridge crossing the James River. Built in 1974 for $214,000 by Swingen Const. of Grand Forks, ND. It is 209 ft. long and 32 ft. wide.



Ludden Bridge built in 1903.



James River bridge west of Ludden built in 1932. Note Detour behind.



Ludden Bridge widened in 1983.



Burlington Northern Railroad bridge rebuilt in the mid 1970's - located just north of the Hudson-Port Emma line.



Old Kendall Bridge built in 1900.



New Kendall Bridge built in 1982.



Old state line bridge taken in 1975.

EATON BRIDGE-HUDSON FORD

The **Port Emma Times** lauded the people of Eaton on May 21, 1885 with this item: "In spite of the fact that Eaton got left in the vote last fall for the location of the bridge across the Jim (at Port Emma), she never the less has succeeded in getting a very substantial one with draw attachments added. The people of that enterprising little berg went to work, not long since, with teams and scrapers and in one day succeeded in grading from each bank to the ferry which was placed in the middle of the stream and which forms the draw. This gives a safe crossing and will relieve the people of Eaton from the wrath of the Nettie Baldwin proprietors. Thus a few determined citizens accomplished in one day, what the county has failed to accomplish in 4 months."

The grade was improved upon as events made necessary. The bridge was standing until the grade was used as the site of the Ludden Dam, built in 1934.

The **Port Emma Times** also stated in June 18, 1885:

"The people of Hudson, not to be outdone by the neighboring towns, are hard at work making a crossing over the James. Dirt has been scraped into the creek until a safe ford is now secured. This is damaging to the ferry business and the owners threaten to bring suit. The days of the ferry monoply have passed."

THE LUDDEN DAM

Assembled by Marvin F. Hansen

By the end of the first decade the settlers had found out that the weather of Dakota came in extremes of wet and dry cycles. Records seem to indicate that the settlers came at a time of high precipitation. The **Port Emma Times** spoke of numerous lakes around the area and Port Emma sat at the head of Crystal Lake. But because of drought in 1887, the railroads were shipping in and giving seed to farmers, and in 1889 the James River was dry at Eaton bridge. By the end of the century they were experiencing another severe drought, and after the turn of the century these and other conditions had taken its toll on the original settlers as only a few were remaining then.

The stage had been set. The farmers along the James River in the Ludden area had decided that a dam north of the state line would be desirable for livestock and recreation.

The Oakes sportsmen were of the same mind for fish and wildlife habitat, and they thought a dam north of the state line could be kept under their control.

The **Oakes Times** carried the following news item in Sept. 1932:

"A Mr. Smith from the State Engineering Dept. called at Oakes Saturday and accompanied a group of local men to the site a half mile north of the state line on the James River where people of the section have long wished for a dam. It is hoped to secure the cooperation of the State Game Department and eventually a permanent dam will raise the level of water in that section back at least to the Ludden bridge to a height beginning with 4 feet."

The month previous to this, J. H. Kissinger of Guelph Bank fame (see article) was proposing a recreational and resort area just north of Hecla, SD. He planned to locate a dam between S16 and 21 Twp. 128 R. 61 on the James River.

The next word we hear on the dam was June 11, 1933, the **Oakes Times** reported: "--Word has been received this week of the states approval of the proposed Ludden Dam. R.G. Lucke has spent several days in the vicinity securing the signing of easement blanks. Some little difficulty has been encountered, but it is hoped to have all these matters cleared up."

"Last year—engineers were sent here, blue prints drawn and the matter shelved awaiting the receipt of sufficient funds. It called for a four foot dam with control gates to be constructed of concrete at a cost of $3500. Now with the federal government dishing out a few million to relieve the unemployment situation, Gov. Langer has sent word that the dam will be built. All that remains is the signing of the easement blanks, protecting the state from damage claims in case of flooded land." Two weeks later, on June 29, 1933, the **Oakes Times** carried this item: "Efforts to secure easements for the proposed dam south of Ludden have failed. Some feared the loss of too many acres. --- As a result new easement blanks have been put into circulation and it is said that all but one have signed for a dam to be built near the Great Northern bridge north of Ludden."

In the early days it was the practice of many towns to dump their raw sewage into the rivers, and City of

Oakes was among them. The **Oakes Times** read like this, Aug. 1933:

"Have you taken a ride to the James River just west of Oake of late? It is a heart rending scene. - - - - The river is a little wider than a school boy could jump over. Our sewage is dumped there and the odor emanating from the banks of the shore line reminds us of a petunia bed because it is so different. - - - - What we need is a dam south of town. The State Engineering Dept. is ready to build a dam at the Great Northern bridge north of Ludden but easements are hard to get. Unless we get a dam and get it soon, the city of Oakes will be up against a heavy expenditure for a sewage disposal of some sort. We do not ask for a dam to help the city, we ask them to help the entire country. A proper water level on the James River would give us a recreational spot. We could have fish and what not. A game reserve with wet water in it, a launch and a few canoes."

Low water on the James caused other problems as described by our East Hudson reporter for the **Oakes Times**, Sept. 7, 1933:

"The James River has never been so dry as at the present time. The river has always been a dividing line between east and west side pastures, but last Sunday Abe Morgan's cattle crossed into Teal's pasture."



Dry James River West of Ludden 1933 LEFT TO RIGHT BACK: William Linvill, J. D. Root, Lon Puffer, FRONT: Ralph Linvill, Lloyd Anderson.

In Sept. of 1934 they again tried to obtain easements and failed.

By November, after there had been a shower or two of rain, easements didn't make much difference to the Ludden farmers. The **Oakes Times** reported, Nov. 8, 1934, that

"A group of Ludden and Oakes people have interested themselves in constructing an earth dam (on the old Eaton bridge site) north of the state line - - - men have taken it upon themselves to do the building, rather than wait for Uncle Sam. Water continues to travel southward and by today should be very near the dam site.

Men with shovels, teams and scrapers are borrowing the dirt from the very bottom of the river and raising it to 4 ft. to build this water retainer. Rock is being placed on both sides as safety walls to prevent washing, and it is believed the dam will hold."

By the first of April, 1935, the Oakes Sportsmen and Ludden Farmers' dream had come true. The **Oakes Times** stated "The person who doubts the value of ordinary dams should take a drive and view the water impounded as a result of the dam. - - - The James River down that way now looks like a huge lake and millions of gallons of water are now held back. - - - Wild ducks



Work on the Ludden dam.

and geese abound by the tens of thousands in the river which a year ago was so dry that for miles not one drop of water could be seen."

This dream didn't last too long. The **Oakes Times** reported, April 18, 1935 "With several days of strong north wind, the dam - - - gave way Monday of this week and soon the full force of the James River was pouring through at a point not far from the center, ending all good this temporary check had afforded our section.

By this time the dam had been approved as WPA project by the Dickey County planning committee. The committee being composed of the County Commissioners and enlarged by other appointed citizens, of whom in the east end of the county were Everett Hyatt and H. M. Robbins of Ludden, Henry C. Frojen and Albert Larson of Oakes.

The **Oakes Times** stated July 7, 1935,

"Actual construction work on the dam south of Ludden is now underway. Progress has been very slow owing to the fact that work is done with relief labor and so many are either busy at home or had previously been assigned to other projects. The Ludden dam will be of inestimatable value to Oakes and residents along the stream. The washout in the center of the dam has been entirely closed."



The rebuilt Jim River Dam.

In May 1937, the Guelph correspondent for the **Oakes Times** reported that L. N. Puffer, Mrs. Schultz and Ralph Linvill visited the dam on the James River at the state line Sunday. Trees planted there and on the west side by the W.P.A. workers last fall are leafing out and look as though a good proportion will grow, given favorable weather.

After reconstruction, which was presumably done by the Federal Emergency Relief Agency, the Biological survey took it over about 1936. It had no constructed spillway at this time. A 100 ft. spillway was then dug



Spillway on Jim.

around the west end of the dam. This original spillway, being just earth filled, eroded away. Over the next few years two more spillways were built, and in turn, washed out. In 1940 a new reinforced concrete spillway was constructed on the west end of the dam to replace both. Also a four foot by four foot concrete stop log control structure was placed through the dam on the east side.



Today Dakota Lake National Wildlife refuge still serves as a sanctuary for wildlife for about six miles north of the dam. During the 1970's there were beavers south of the dam and in the Hyatt Slough "fill ditch" along the state line. Today the deer population is abundant. Grouse are spotted on occasion and a moose or two have been seen in the last few years. There are pheasants, but the population is nothing compared to the soil bank days of the early 1960's and prior years. The Ludden Sportsmen have been very active in the propagation of the pheasant population. Goose hunting has been a prominent sport since the area was settled, and still is.



Hyatt Farm LEFT TO RIGHT: Bert Kolterman, Ed McKibben, Everett Hyatt, 1920's.



Dakota Lake National Wildlife Refuge at the Riverside Supper Club.

Fishing was an important part of the diet of many early settlers. Fish were also caught in Hyatt Slough, formerly called the Hampton, Gulf of Finland and Couches Slough. Today fishing is more for sport than diet. Walleye, Northern, Perch and Bullheads are among the fish caught. During the winter when the fish start biting the fish houses will sprout up along the Ludden and state line bridges.

The dam has been a definite asset to the community. It has served its intended purposes of hunting, fishing and recreation and in the last decade, irrigation has been added to this list of assets.



Ice fishing near state line bridge winter of 1975.



Geese by Ludden Bridge; Fall of 1982.

THE GREAT GOPHER HUNT

The **Times** being aware of the vast amount of damage that the gophers were doing in the vicinity of Ludden, concluded to have our little town give a hunt, so took the liberty of appointing Major Lovell and W. B. Allen as leaders. They were to choose sides and name their followers from within five miles of Ludden post office. The proposition was then placed in the hands of a committee who met and arranged as given below. It is expected that the hunt will begin at once, May 31, 1889 and will continue for one week or until June 8th., at 6 o'clock p.m., when all those names that appear below are to assemble at this place and turn in the scalps to the proper committee. It is to be understood that all members of the families of men are included in the hunt. There are no restrictions placed on the manner in which the scalps may be hunted, either fought for, or bought; but anyone who is unfortunate enough to be caught stealing them will be debarred from competing. The person securingf the greater number of scalps will be made the king of the evening and receive a prize which the ladies will prepare. The ladies will also prepare an elegant and bountiful supper which will be served in Allen's new barn and will be paid for by the defeated side.

The captains have further decided to impose a fine of 50 cents on all persons who fail to produce 10 gopher scalps and fine of $1.00 will be imposed on all who capture less than 5 scalps. W. B. Allen followers will be known by a red ribbon worn in the button hole, while Major Lovell's forces will wear blue. In scalping the gophers, care must be taken to show both ears as none will be received which are not thus provided.

It is hoped that every one selected will take hold with a will and when Saturday evening rolls around, appear at this place with a string of scalps which would make the wildest Indian warrior wild with envy. The following are the names chosen by the captains. Captain W. B. Allen, Red Ribbon. J. B. Crow, S. H. Trauger, John Kendall, G. M. Baker, J. B. Crozier, D. N. Bailey, H. Hanson, Stephen Heffner, Bert Cook, Tom Lilly, A. L. Hamilton, E. Blankenburg, Wm. Crow, A. L. Beggs, Rev. Tyrrell, C. B. Hale, G. M. Haxie, Will Robinson, Dan Tyrrell, T. W. Bush, D. W. Holbrook, Fred Hendershott, Joseph Crow, T. B. Smith, W. Shadbott, Cal Bateman, T. J. Hassett, John Hillock, T. S. Smith, Fred Tomlinson, Will Stevenson, F. E. Randall, John Courtney, E. H. Dunton, Joseph Leach, John Bales, Walter Crow, M. J. Nichols, C. J. Herring, Dan Sempson, Fred Kennedy, C. F. Sipple, J. Marsh, Ed. Buckley.

Captain Ogden Lovell, Blue Ribbon; Chas. Buckland, R. H. McLean, Chas. Devlin, Chas. Brown, B. L. Adamson, D. W. Huffman, W. Greenwald, Wilbert Bennett, J. P. Perkins, J. Travers, Joe Bockler, Jas. Robertson, Chas. H. Randall, H. F. Eaton, O.C. Watson, Thos. Crinnion, F. A. Pettibone, Thos. Lovell, I. J. Kemmerer, R. O. Smith, E. R. Kennedy, J. H. Covert, Dell Walker, T. H. Faus, Carl Heffner, C. W. Corwin, W. S. Booth, H. C. Clark, Geo. Briggs, Hugh McIntyre, A. J. Wilbur, W. H. Leffingwell, Will Bush, J. W. Karten, T. A. Chatfield, Chet Bateman, J. Whetzell, Ed Pletcher, Jos. Bock, Chas. Clark, Geo. Gordon, G. Greenwood, D. R. Heald, John Tomlinson.

Mr. Lovell's little dog, Gype, figured conspicously in the hunting preparations. He was arrayed in a blue ribbon whenever Mr. Lovell took him to town, and some one from the red ribbon side would promptly take the blue decoration off and replace it with a red ribbon. There were not enough guns in the locality to supply everybody, so if any one possessed more than one he would take the extra firearm to Randall's store and have it put in the window to be used on the gun-owners side. Great excitement attended the hunt and many were the petty thefts of scalps; for instance, Mrs. F. E. Randall innocently went to call on a friend, Mrs. Buckland, who had just put out a large number of scalps strung on a cord to dry. Mrs. Buckland at once suspicious of her caller and after seeing Mrs. Randall in a far away part of the room, seated herself at the window where she could command a view of her precious scalps and thus see if any friend or her guest's softly advanced to steal them. Another story was told of a prominent Ludden man who was secretly informed that a large number of scalps were to be found at a certain place. The credulous victim wended his way there only to be met by a bucket of water suspended over his head and attached by an unseen string to an unknown power, which operated at the most opportune moment and deluged him all over.

People at first were anxious to boast of their large number of scalps, but later in the week no one would divulge the secret outside of their color. The town was literally deserted, the men and many of the women and children for the families of the hunters were included in the hunt. People would remark to each other "who would have thought such a person would hunt gophers." E. R. Kennedy sat on the North Dakota side of his farm and shot many gophers just over the line in South Dakota, and afterwards consulted a lawyer to find out if he had broken the law. At last, Saturday morning came and the counting began early and was not completed until 9 p.m. when the figures showed 17,113 gophers had lost their scalps and probably 3,000 more had been killed that escaped into their holes. After the count was over, it showed that the blue had won by about 400 scalps; and the red elected E. H. Dunton the gopher king, he , producing the largest number of scalps. Then the vast crowd adjourned to W. B. Allen's new barn, where the M. E. Ladies Aid outshone themselves in the sumptous repast prepared for the hungry people. The captains of the hunt announced afterwards that there would be a sham law-suit at that place the next day when all who had stolen scalps and got caught at it, would be prosecuted, "cats are barred."

The wonder of the age for some time was, where so many gophers came from.

BLIZZARDS OF 1888

Blizzards and tornadoes have come with varying intensities over the Dakotas and then have been forgotten but the blizzard of 1888 was one that was to be long remembered. Since there were very few trees the wind had a clear sweep of the prairies. Then, too, there wasn't power machinery available to dig out of the snow. The **Ludden Times** of January 12, 1888 writes of the blizzard in this way.

"The worst storm which has ever passed over this section of Dakota in the memory of the oldest inhabitant raged from 10 o'clock Thursday morning until daylight Friday. It was a blizzard in every sense of the word. Thursday morning was bright and warm without much wind, until 9 o'clock when a light breeze sprung up from the northwest and a little snow began to fall. The wind gradually grew stiffer and the snow thicker until about 10 o'clock without warning the sky grew almost black as night and a dense mass of soft, wet snow swept the prairie with terrific fury. The wind continued to increase in strength until it reached its maximum about five o'clock in the afternoon, while the mercury continued to drop until it registered thirty-five degrees below, Friday morning. Friday was very cold and the atmosphere quite thick. It is feared that many accidents are to be reported."

"M. W. Boyce traveled around his house two hours before he found it.

J. H. Covert spent the night in the depot in preference to struggling with the blizzard.

Judson McCarty started home a short time before the storm and grave fears are entertained for his safety.

George W. Johnson is in town looking for Egbert Wilkins who left his place just before the storm and has not been heard of since.

Mr. Moslander who started to walk home during the blizzard was found in a bewildered condition near the school house several hours later. He remarked that the weather was quite stormy."

The school children were taken from the school house in the afternoon by a large relief party of citizens. A man was stationed every ten feet across the vacant space in front of the school house and the children passed safely across this dangerous spot.

Mr. Callum started from the depot to go to J. H. Covert's house about four o'clock and brot up against Bohannan's clothes post. Finding a clothes line handy he made one end fast to the post and then went as far as the line would permit, making that end fast to the nearest object, he returned and released the first swinging around until he could fasten that end. By repeating this operation many times he reached the Hamilton house where he passed the night.

The first report of loss comes from Hitchcock. The body of an unknown man being found on the prairie near town.

The passenger train was laid off at Redfield to prevent the danger of being stuck between stations.

All the steam whistles were kept blowing in Huron all day and night to aid bewildered travelers.

The editor tells of his experience during the storm.

We spent a pleasant afternoon and evening at the residence of Mr. W.W. Crow, Thursday. The visit was not premeditated, we had never bveen invited to spend an afternoon and evening with Mr. Crow, but a chain of circumstances more patient than most invitations, placed us beside Mr. Crow's warm fire, so we staid and enjoyed a pleasant afternoon and evening, made doubly so by the thot of the very narrow escape we had of spending the same length of time, canopied by a Dakota sky and wrapped in the downy covering of 30 below zero snow. Thursday night is not our night off. We had just spent the preceding night away from home and were returning gaily over the Jim's glittering ice to our sanctum, behind a pair of Prof. Eaton's high steppers, when a cloud which had been fumbling around in the northwest quarter of the heavens, suddenly descended and struck us. It wasn't one of those clouds which angels ususally wrap about them and cherubims float on in undress attire, nor did it appear to hail from the other place, but came straight from the northwest, laden with all the fine damp snow it could carry. About this time our horses were seized with a desire to turn around, but having the utmost confidence (we don't have so much now) in our ability to reach the point where the road turned to the east, we took the lead, thot of the heroic deeds of Achilles, kept our northwest eye shut and our attention riveted on the motto, "We'll fight it out on this line if it takes all summer," breathed thru our nose and trudged on. Everything went well until the snow accumulated around the horses' eyes and froze them shut; this necessitated a halt to thaw them out by melting the ice with our hands and breath; thus by repeated trudgings and thawings we all brot up in a snow bank apparently bottomless, with a very dark object just before us, which thru the driving snow appeared at times to tower hundreds of feet into the air, now was almost within reach and now miles away, at one time looked like a distant city, but which in reality, was the new Ludden bridge which we had reached, having missed the turning off place. Our position, lying prone on the great soft snow bank was comfortable and apparently as much so to the horses as to us, so much so that we were loath to leave it and we didn't care very much whether we "wrapped the snowy drapery of our couch about us and went to join that innumerable caravan" or not. But then the thot occurred to us that the day was Thursday and the advertising page of the paper had not been run, that the copy book was empty and Friday was publication day, so summoning all our resolutions we unhitched the horses from the cutter and tried to scale the embankment and get on the bridge; failed, tried to scale the other embankment, failed; swallowed three quarts of cold snow, thot of our friend Crow's residence half a mile southeast, got our bearings on the place where it might be, noticed exactly on which part of our anatomy the wind struck, took the halter strap in one hand, and our fortitude in the other, and cut loose for terra incognita. We traveled slow to save our strength and at the end of three hours' hard work according to the watch, which had frozen up in our vest pocket, we came to the alarming conclusion that we had missed the house and that we and the boundless prairie would have to spend the night together; then all our evil

deeds crowded upon our memory, we saw the numerous pieces of pie we stole in our infant days; the nights when we didn't say our prayers, while a large array of chloroformed cats danced before us pointing with mocking paws to the banks of snow, where soon we would sleep as silently as did they beneath the fatal pail. Then we began to speculate upon which form of supplication would be for us to go to bed with under the circumstances, whether the primitive form of supplication "Now I lay me" which we felt quite sure we could repeat, would secure us eternal pardon for the numerous editorial lies, or whether we had best tackle the more modern version of "Our Father." Suddenly we noticed a change in the wind and the encouraging thot struck us that possibly some building to the windward might cause the change. Hope revived and good resolutions filled our minds. All bad habits were to be given up. We would get to breakfast at nine o'clock, we had almost resolved to adhere strictly to truth in editorial sanctum, when a dark outline a few feet away appeared thru the driving snow. This we reached and found to be a straw pile; sheltering our horses behind this we made sallies in all directions as far as we dared, and peered thru the unnatural gloom. At last another dark outline met our view. This we found to be a barn which we reached with our horses. Hope returned and good resolutions vanished. The team was sheltered and ere long we were thawing the frost from our northwest ear by the warmth of Mr. Crow's bright fire. And this is how we came to spend a pleasant afternoon and evening at the residence of Mr. W.W. Crow.

The Storm, January 20th, 1888

"As after a great battle the mortality books are open and the names of the dead and missing in the terrible storm of the 12th are silently being enrolled, as telegram after telegram announces them from various parts of the northwest. There is scarcely a town of any importance which does not have its tale of loss or terrible suffering to report. Already the list of known dead numbers 158 with as many more missing. The storm is decided to have been the worst ever known in Dakota. There has been storms when the snow was as thick in the air, but never was the wind so strong or so cold. The velocity is variously reported from 40 to 75 miles per hour, while the mercury at four o'clock in the afternoon was 35 below. The losses are more numerous in the southern part of the territory owing largely to the fact that the storm reached that section two hours later, and so caught more people on the road. The tales of suffering when all collected will make a sad chapter in the history of Dakota, and one which is not likely to be repeated during the present generation, if ever again. It is reported that Silas Dales went to the top of his elevator at Guelph during the blizzard, and found himself above the storm. The tops of the elevators at this place and Oakes could plainly be seen from his position."

THE STORM OF '21

In researching in the **Oakes Times** the following accounts were found of the tornado and hurricane (cyclone) as written by the **Oakes Times** reporter and the Guelph and Ludden Correspondents. There were numerous storms that summer of tremendous velocity, which is why anyone who lived through that time associates 1921 and storms together. The first storm was in June, followed by another 2 weeks later, and as the Ludden correspondent put it, a storm a week thereafter. The last storm occurred the first week in November of that year. Land descriptions have been added, as closely as could be determined, to help locate the farms that were damaged.

The front page byline of the **Oakes Times** of 6-23-21 gave this account:

"One of the worst storms in the history of this county struck the territory south and east of Guelph last Sat. afternoon at about 2:45 o'clock. Oakes was visited by a violent thunder storm at the same time and our people were conscious of a continous rumbling sound for over an hour, but thought it to be thunder. As a matter of fact, this noise must have been caused by the tornado which devastated farms in the Guelph region.

At the Frank Courtney place (SE¼S8-129-60) three miles southeast of Guelph the storm ripped the roof off a small barn, carried it about a 100 yds. and dropped it in a grain field, smashing the timber into kindling wood. A binder standing within a few rods of the barn was turned completely around without material damage. The small house, unoccupied, is shy a few shingles, but was not moved from its foundation.

Andrew Stende, living on the old Craft place 2 mi. south of Guelph (NE¼S18-129-60) reports that his granary was demolished but the house was not damaged.

At the Frank Courtney place (SE¼16-129-60) three storm destroyed a 40 x 40 barn, modern chicken house and two other buildings, leaving hardly anything except splinters on the place. The house which stood several rods south of the other buildings, was somewhat twisted and some of the windows were blown in, but the damage was slight. Mrs. Coutney told the reporter that of 340 large and small chickens only a few remained. A binder was lifted up bodily and turned upside down.



Earl Courtney Farm (SW-28-129-60)

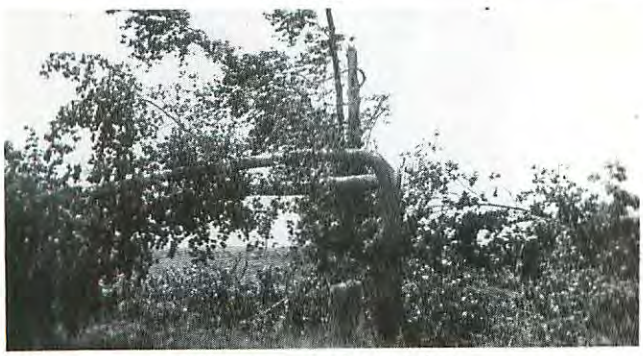
John Hansen, (NW¼S28-129-60) a neighbor of Mrs. Courtney, lost a barn which was blown to pieces.

Every building on the Bert Sidles farm, (NW¼S33-129-60) with the exception of the house, was smashed to pieces, and every piece of farm machinery on the

place was ruined. Paul Sidles, one of the boys, had a thrilling experience and was fortunate in escaping with only a few bruises. He was standing in the barn doorway when the storm struck. Feeling the structure move he started for the house, but the wind was so strong he was obliged to grab hold of the artesian well pipe and hang on for dear life. During a slight lull he thought he could continue and reach the house safely, but he was lifted up and carried about 100 yards, landing unconscious in a grove. When he regained consciousness he was able to get to the house unaided. Mrs. Sidles was on her way home from Ludden when things began to get interesting and she stopped at the Montgomery farm, (NE¼S11-129-60). She unhitched the horse, took it into the barn and then went to the house. Within a few seconds the barn was struck by lightning and the horse was killed.



Bert Sidles



Sidles grove, Cyclone of 1921





A barn on the A.H. Ferris farm (SE¼S32-129-60) was totally destroyed, and the roof torn off the granary.

Jacob Wilbert reports that his barn, garage and the house was damaged. He lost a Ford and an Overland car besides a lot of machinery. A 2x4 was blown through the bay window and struck the piano, but fortunately all the family escaped injury. (NW¼S6-128-61)

A barn and four other buildings belonging to Hote Eddy were blown away and the house badly twisted. (NE¼S6-128-61)



Hote Eddy Farm (NES6-128-61)

John Moerke had just completed building a hog house, granary and chicken house, but the storm made short work of them. (NW¼S5-128-61)

Telephone wires all over the country were blown down, and many poles were broken off, which accounts for the fact that few people here (Oakes) knew about the storm until Sunday. Many groves in that part of the country were practically ruined. Trees a foot in diameter were uprooted as easily as if they had been straws. Many of the men mentioned above lost horses, cattle and hogs, but they had not had time to check up at the time they were interviewed.

It is impossible to estimate the damage, and it will be many thousands of dollars. Some of the losers carried insurance, but the amount is believed to be inconsiderable in comparison with the total loss.

Crops in the storm area were practically undamaged, although it is said that a little hail fell. Rain descended in great sheets and the low spots are filled with water, but this will soon dry up and the loss will be slight.

So far as is known there were no casualties, and this is certainly remarkable when the scope of the storm is taken into consideration.

Farmers living in the stricken section are already making preparations to rebuild the structures destroyed."

The Guelph column of the same issue stated:

"Guelph was visited by a cloudburst and windstorm Sat. p.m. Water stood everywhere and at the Tobin (NW¼S7-129-60) and Stende farms small buildings were destroyed. Seven barns between Guelph and Hecla were blown down."

July 2, 1921, two weeks later to the day, another storm hit the Guelph area, and was reported 7-7-21 in the **Oakes Times** by the Guelph correspondent as follows:

Guelph was visited by a hurricane Sat. night about 9:30, and property amounting to thousands of dollars

was destroyed. The Schwarting garage was completely demolished, as was the Guelph electric light plant. Part of the north side of the Scott Way blacksmith shop was blown out; the Sitts barn and new granary were badly wrecked; the northwest end of the bank was blown out, doing considerable damage; the W.L. Scott garage was completely blown to pieces and his new Ford car blown across the road but not badly damaged; Wilford Waite's garage was blown away, leaving the car unmolested; the large barn of Jess Newman's was destroyed; the cook car occupied by the Roy Thomas family was completely destroyed, with all furniture; part of the roof was taken off the N.W. elevator; the Lon Puffer and Henry Anderson garage was completely destroyed; the driveway of the Farmers Elevator was blown off, the gas house upset and the large barn owned by the company is a total loss; the O.P. Newman house occupied by Mrs. Lane and children was blown off the foundation; other small buildings were bown away and many structures were wrecked and twisted out of shape, but no one was hurt. The country was hit just as hard by the storm. Nearly every barn and outbuilding for miles around were blown down. At the C.B. Dennison farm (SW¼S5-129-60) the cement granary and hen house were destroyed and half the roof taken off the house. At other places houses were unroofed and many of them badly damaged in other ways. It is said that the storm reached from Huron, S.D. to the Canadian line."



Harry Maddock farm—grain seperator left foreground—house tipped side way off foundation—every building damaged - July 2, 1921 (NE 33-130-60)

The Ludden correspondent reported the same storm like this:

"The worst hurricane that ever was known in this vicinity struck Ludden Sat. evening. It is impossible at this date, Mon., to give a full description of the damage caused. All communication wires were torn down. Following are the names of town people who lost property; Kilchenman Bros. (NW¼S18-129-59), two big barns; C.F. Austin, garage and chicken house and top torn off car; Emil Jurma lost all buildings except house, and that was picked up and moved several feet; Roy Mingus, garage and coal house, and car wrecked; Emil Holmstrom, barn and cowshed completely destroyed; Salzer Lumber Yard completely wrecked and loose lumber from Salzer yard driven through walls; F. E. Randall's plate glass front in store smashed and garage torn down, top of car torn off; school house was damaged and barn twisted nearly half way around; teacherage moved nearly width of the basement; Oscar Lukala lost everything, house was picked up and carried into a pasture; P.A. Peterson's barn wrecked; Cap Conger's (SW¼S4-129-59) barn is entirely gone; Methodist Episcopal Chruch moved ten feet off foundation and walls caved in; Ed McKibben lost garage; Gail Botts hardware building was blown over onto the McKibben residence; all plate glass windows were broken in Odd Fellows hall; blacksmith shop demolished; the big south elevator was lifted off in four sections and thrown across railroad tracks; the north elevator was moved about four feet. All houses left standing have had windows blown in and chimneys destroyed. Nearly every farmer for miles around lost barns and outbuildings, and some lost their houses, too. John Montgomery (NE¼S11-129-60) and family got down into the cellar just a few minutes before the house went. The big trees on Main Street were torn down and the street had to be cleared before traffic could be resumed. Ludden is certainly a sight to behold, but fortunately no lives have been reported lost so far, but crops were blown flat to the ground."



West Elevator in Guelph after tornado of 1921.



Guelph Farmers Elevator after tornado of 1921.



Ludden - storm of 1921, south elevator

The July 14, Ludden column of the **Oakes Times** reported:

"Last week we failed to get all the names of town people who lost property during the recent storm. John Pietlo, barn destroyed; Art Hendrickson, barn destroyed; Samson Bros., hotel, barn and granary blown down. Following is a list of farmers who lost property: Bert Robins (SW¼S31-130-59), big grove of trees destroyed and buildings moved; Turner Bros. (SW¼S32-130-59) lost all buildings except house; Wm. Leffingwell (NE¼S31-130-59) lost all buildings except house; Alfred Kilchenman (SW¼S33-130-59) on the Albert Hankel farm, lost his barns and the house was moved off the foundation. Chas. Frank (SW¼S28-130-59) lost a barn, and so did J.C. Peterson (NE¼S32-130-59); Oscar Olthouse lost all buildings except a garage and chicken house; his house was blown apart into two sections; K.K. Esterby (SE¼S3-129-59) lost all buildings except house; Robert Holmstrom lost a barn; Theo. Noonberger lost all buildings except the house and granary; Samson Bros. lost a number of buildings on the Marsh and Chas. Clark, and also on the Mohr (SW¼S27-129-60) farm across the river; John Law (NW¼S18-129-59) lost two barns; Harvey Hixon lost a garage and machine shed; H.E. Hyatt (NW¼S30-129-59) lost his barns; Vinton Doyen (SW¼S24-129-59) lost a barn; Ed Bailey lost a barn and chicken house; Mr. Hubbard, (SE¼S2-129-60) lost a big barn and the corner of his bungalow was damaged; Will Linvill (SE¼S10-129-60) lost a barn as did Louie Korpua (E½S35-129-60) and Art Buro (S½S14-129-60); Jas. Brady (SE¼S32-129-59) lost a barn and his house was damaged; Mrs. Jumisko lost all buildings except the house; Alpha Louma lost his granary, garage and chicken house; Art Leigh lost everything but the house; M.E. Taylor lost a garage; J. Simmons lost a barn; Jim Johnson lost everything but the house; Herman Johnson, on the Allen farm, lost all but the bath house. There are doubtless many other farmers who have lost property, but their names could not be learned, as all the communication lines are down.'

Another storm was reported on August 18, in the **Oakes Times** by the Guelph correspondent:

"Guelph was visited by another wind storm Tuesday afternoon. Several small buildings were blown down and while the Great Northern train was waiting for the storm to pass over, the tops of three box cars were blown off."



Hyatt Farm (NW¼S30-129-59), storm of 1921



Christ Quandt Barn (SE 15-130-60)



Quandt barn, chicken house and shed after tornado.



1921 Tornado, Orville Cotten, ½ mile W. of Kendall farm.

PRAIRIE FIRES

The most feared disaster caused by the pioneers (generally) were prairie fires. In the early days land was not farmed as extensively as now and consequently, vegetation would build up over a period of years and provide plenty of fuel for these fires. Back fires and fire breaks were about their only means of protecting themselves.

In September of 1885 the **Port Emma Times** reported: "Now that stacking (hay) is about finished and the grass is getting in a burning mood, farmers should not forget to plow a fire break around their property. The fools are not all dead yet and some fine windy day one of them will start a fire on the prairie just to see how fast it will travel."

In April of 1886 a prairie fire was reported as sweeping the eastern part of Ada Township destroying considerable property.

The **Oakes Republican** gave the following account of a fire that swept the area Nov. 15, 1905: "A prairie fire swept the country yesterday from Fullerton to the Jim River, just west of Hecla.

Dr. Boardman was over to the Wippich home near Fullerton and said last evening that a strip of country from 5 to 10 miles running southeast from Fullerton was "as bare and as black as his hat." It went around the

Wippich and Gregory buildings, burned hay and fodder for the winter, but they were fortunate in being able to save their buildings.

It passed down through Porter, Yorktown, Kent, Hudson and Port Emma townships, taking about all the hay in its path.

Geo. H. Ladd came through the burned district yesterday and says it is the worst fire Dickey County has ever had. The people were fortunate, he says, in saving their buildings, but the whole range is burned over and everything in the line of cattle feed is gone.

The old B.T. Marlin buildings in Kent are devastated.

The Great Northern Bridge just west of Sen. Thatcher's place (SW31-130-60) at Guelph was burned out and the ties are burned for 2 or 3 miles. The train last evening remains in Rutland.

Charles Tode (NW35-130-61) lost his barn. The fire passed over the Baker, (NE3-129-60) Eaton (SE27-129-60), and Barnes (NE21-129-60) farms and their hay is destroyed.

The home of C.B. Dennison (NW7-129-60) near Guelph was reported burned, but Mr. Ladd says this is a mistake. The same was reported around Guelph, but an investigation showed that the buildings were saved.

The fire is said to have started from the engine of the west bound Soo train yesterday morning."

Numerous law suits were initiated as a result of this fire against the Soo Line. The highest settlement was in excess of $4000.00.

The Ludden correspondent for the **Oakes Republican** gave the following report Nov. 30, 1905: "The recent terrible prairie fires have done much damage in this vicinity on the west side of the river. Prof. Eaton's hay, about 150 tons, was entirely consumed and all the range on his farm was burned over, making his loss doubly heavy. Henry Courtney (NW33-129-60) lost all of his hay and expects to sell his cattle at an auction Tuesday.

Hudson was quite excited last week over the fire that came near there. Some are now plowing fire breaks."

In April of 1908 the **Oakes Times** gave this account of another prairie fire: "A disastrous prairie fire started during a high wind on the Ed Cuddington farm southeast of Oakes and swept south and west. A heavy wind started the fire from an old straw pile that was fired about April first. About a dozen poles on the line of Dakota Central running west of Ludden were burned out and Manager Hemenway was down with his men yesterday to repair the damage. He said the fire was a fierce one. The whole country was fighting fire. They managed to save the A.C. Foster, H.F. Eaton (SE27-129-60) and other buildings. The fire was still going as far south as Columbia, (S.D.).

In later years fires were not as numerous but once started, were still very serious. In April of 1933 the Ludden correspondent for the **Oakes Times** gave this account: "---a prairie fire reported east of town---to make matters worse there was a very strong wind. Volunteers from Ludden, Hecla, and Oakes spent many hours fighting. It was thought to have started from a stubble field that was burned the day before. The high thick grass and numerous hay stacks in the vicinity made it hard to control. At the Ahman ranch (SW14-129-59) 57 stacks were consumed. The fire came within 20 feet of the Marion Taylor home."

The following week the East Hudson reporter gave us the thoughts of the neighborhood on the seriousness of the fire with this item: "It is reported that the fellow who burned his straw pile Easter Sunday without a wind break and let his fire get away and do so much damage, was taken to jail in Aberdeen the following day."

As time went on the up-graded roads and the land more extensively farmed became natural barriers of fire. Farm machinery became easier to handle and thus a greater help in controling them.

Rural Fire Departments were organized in the early 1950's and today all the Guelph and Ludden rural areas belong to a fire district.

VANISHED TOWNS

Within the Guelph-Ludden area are several vanished towns, namely: Eaton, Hudson, Old Ludden, Port Emma, Ticeville, and Weston. The history of each of these follows, except for Weston. The history committee could find nothing other than there was a post office here where the stage stopped with mail. It was located in Ada Township on section 16. When John Skoglund bought this land the post office was still there. He tore down the building and used it in building their home. At the time he acquired the land, the trail the stage followed could still be seen.

H.F. EATON & "HIS VILLAGE EATON"

The founder of Eaton was H.F. Eaton, who was born at Trenton, Maine, August 12, 1838. He was educated in district schools and the Maine Wesleyan Seminary. In 1856 at Norridgewock, Maine, he established the Eaton Family and Day School very successfully until his journey to Dakota Territory in 1883. Eaton was a veteran of the Civil War, having served as senior first lieutenant in 1862 and 1863. He was married to Miss. Elizabeth (Lizzie) Wheeler in 1866, and had four daughters and one son.

(These are excerpts from letters he wrote back east to his wife and mother and father)

H.F. Eaton left Boston, Mass., the 10th day of April, 1883, and 70 hours later was at Columbia, Dakota. His team of horses was waiting for him as they had been sent down that same day on the "boat". (I presume the Nettie Baldwin)

He purchased 160 acres along the James River (SE¼ 27-129-60) in Port Emma township. Out of the 160 acres, he plotted a 40 acres script at the cost of $1200.00 to $1500.00 for a townsite and sold lots to the many settlers that were moving west (see map). A ship's carpenter from New Castle, Maine; a dentist from New York; and a railroad conductor who had worked the western roads were just to name a few.

His little town consisted of a store with a large variety of canned and cured meats and fish. He says trades come from miles around, also a blacksmith shop, that is kept quite busy. Mr. Scrunton's motel, Eaton and Winters Law Office where, for a time, Sabbath school was held. Eaton stables, which was able to house 12 horses. A very fine school, a newspaper, called the "Jim River Journal" printed by W.P. Watson and F.R. Sinclair. Their closest postoffice at this time was Columbia, Dakota, or Frederick, Dakota. The mail was sent down and received once a week on the "boat". The Eaton post office came into being June 11, 1883 and discontinued May 26, 1887.

He speaks of the railroad pushing in this direction from Breckenridge, Minnesota. The grading of it being only 45 miles away. He hoped that "His Village" would be a site for the railroad, where he estimates that for sure would grow to quite a nice size town.

The remainder of his 160 acres of land he used for hayland. He speaks of the grass as of the finest quality and as high or higher than their horses backs. He cut a handful and measured it finding it some 6 ft. tall. he expects to put up at least 100 ton at the cost of one dollar a ton. instead of hauling the hay to the rick on a cart, he made what is called here a "go-devil". It is a huge rake 15 ft. long with teeth of 2 x 4's. He's getting 4 ton of hay to the acre.

In 1885, Eaton purchased the McFarlin claim and the choicest of cattle from Mr. Hermanson's herd. The land purchase taken in connection with his own quarters, being two solid miles of river front, makes it one of the finest farms in the county. Wheat and flax were the major crops at this time and Eaton raised some of the finest, producing 20 bushel wheat and in February, 1888 he sold a single load of flax for $104.00, this was the most money ever received in Dickey County for such a load. Eaton was the first in Dickey County to introduce the registered Herford cattle, only after years of drought did the farmers diversify their farming methods and turned their attention to cattle. Eaton received many premiums at county fairs for his fine cattle. Eaton, while living on his ranch, never failed to make daily trips to Ludden, no matter what the weather was like.

In June, 1886, he purchased a lot in New Ludden for an office, where he operated a land purchasing business and also purchased lots to construct an elevator. He sold the elevator property during March of 1893. September, 1889, he moved his farm home into Ludden.

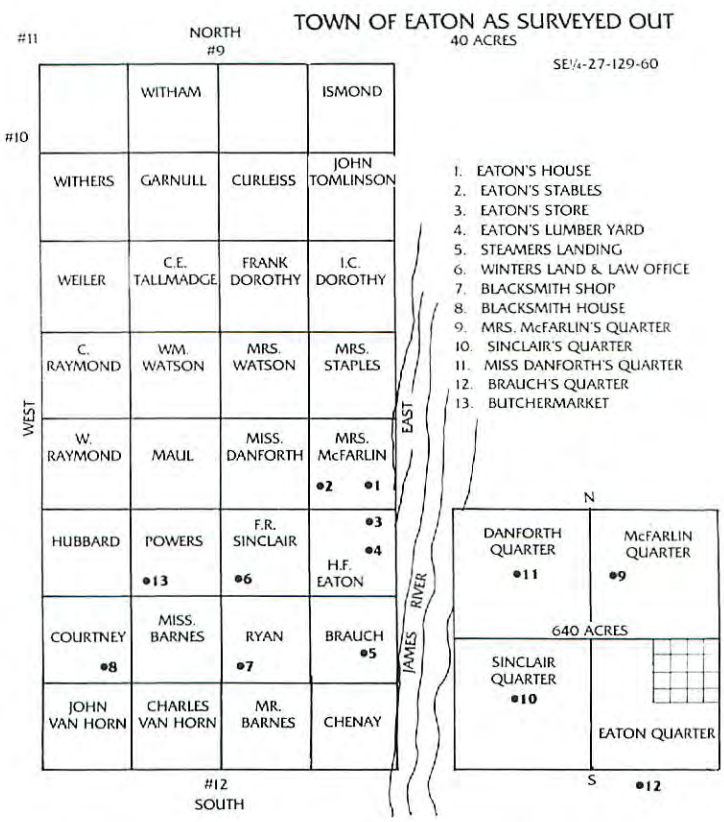
H.F. Eaton, otherwise known as Professor Eaton, was a very intellectual man. He, along with his wife, taught school for the Eaton school district. The first school in Port Emma township was held in the home of Mrs. McFarlin's at the village of Eaton and was taught by Etta Danforth. In 1885 the school was moved to a house owned by Frank Dorothy and the teacher was Miss Minnie Eaton. The school district was organized in 1884, and included the two townships known as Port Emma and Lovell and was named Eaton School District. School houses were built by this district, three on each side of the James River. At that time there were twelve to fifteen scholars in the Eaton schools, but soon after this the people moved away and the school house at Eaton was moved across the river.

Rev. Mr. Wells of Andover, Mass. was secured as pastor of Eaton in 1884. Mr. Wells was a recent graduate and came highly recommended as a very talented young man and would doubtless prove to be an ardent worker in his field of labor. Prof. Eaton informed everyone that services would be held each Sabbath at 3 p.m. in the school house.

Mr. Eaton was a great asset to this community and to the many settlers he helped get a start. He always was involved in community affairs, Literary clubs, having served as board member for the township and also the Eaton School District.

Eaton moved to Oakes, North Dakota, in 1904 and in the spring of 1906 sold his farm to H.J. Johnson Land Co. of Oakes, North Dakota. He later moved to Fargo, North Dakota, where he passed away in the early part of 1928, having reached the age of 90 years.

The site of Eaton has been turned back into farmland and it is only as one knows where to look, that any trace of the old village can be found. The land for many years was pushed back and forth among many owners until Beaver Industries of Illinois purchased it in 1945. They rented the land to Eino Visto, Guelph, North Dakota, until 1951 when John Visto of Guelph assumed the job of rentee. John Visto and sons purchased the land in 1971.



THE TOWN AND TOWNSHIP OF HUDSON

Researched by Mrs. Leo German

According to the best information available,the Nicollett and Fremont exploring expedition of 1839 spent the night of July 17 of the year on what is now the farm of Kizzie Morgan. This camping place is known to have been on the west bank of the James RAiver and have been on the west bank of the James River and south of the "Two Forks" where the creek comes down from the site of the old town of Hudson. It must have been somewhere around the southeast quarter of section twelve, but the exact spot cannot be determined. For over 40 years after that ksummer determined. For over 40 years after that summer night, nothing is known of this place or of the nearby region. In the early Eighties, when the world began to hear about the free lands in the new territory, a surveying party went through the region to lay out the township lines. It was sometime in late 1882 or early the next year, that some pioneers located the first claims. The first settler is which is two miles west and three miles south of Oakes, ND. Others came soon afterward, and by the winter of 1883 no claims were to be had, except by buying a relinquishment.

Mr. James A. Morgan, living near Goshen, Ohio, and his wife had read in the Cincinnati Enquirer the story of a girl who had raised a wonderful crop of wheat on her homestead. This set Mr. Morgan to thinking of the possibilities of the new wheat lands, and in 1883 he came out to the new territory, landing first in Bismarck. Not finding what he wanted, he went back to Jamestown and over to eastern Dickey County. He took a tree claim on the southwest quarter of section 12. This is the old Morgan place northeast of the old Kendall farm. It was necessary to establish a home on the homestead but six months time was given, so Mr. Morgan stayed n the vicinity of his land the first summer and started to build a house on his tree claim where he expected to live, but a cyclone scattered his lumber. By the help of neighbors he found a good part of the lumber and built his house on a smaller plan, hired some plowing done and raised some potatoes on the sod. Hewent back to Ohio in the fall and sold some of his belongings and shipped some household goods, clothing and dishes to Ellendale. The family landed in Ellendale in October and were brought out to the home by Mr. J. H. Denning, a neighbor. They made their home in the new house, dug a well that fall and built a sod barn sixty feet long. He bought two yoke of cattle, a cow and some other stock. He should have brought horses with him, but he had been advised that horses could not do the work in the tough, prairie sod.

John Kunrath was the first of his family to come to America. He was for a time in Minneapolis, but being out of work he came to Ellendale over the Milwaukee, reaching that town in May or June of 1883. He worked out that summer in the vicinity of Ellendale doing farm work. In the fall he met some of the Ladds from Hudson who told him that a homestead could be bought near their place, so John rode over with them. The homestead was the southeast of section one and was held by a man named Shubert, who was tired of homesteading, and wanted to go back. He sold to Kunrath, in this way giving Kunrath a building 14 x 16 and some plowing. His brother, George Kunrath, came over from Germany a little later. George was ten days in coming from New York to Ellendale, as he was not acquainted with the country or its language and was sent to Chamberlain instead of to Ellendale. He was four days coming up from Aberdeen, as it was in the winter and the snow was deep and frozen hard. The passengers had to get out and shovel to help the train through. He reached Ellendale just at the time of the spring thaw and had to wait seven weeks before the Maple River could be crossed, so he was taken to Mr. Lohses' where he got work to pay his board, as he had spent the $14.00 he had when he reached Ellendale to pay for his living before he found a job. Finally, his brother John came after him and he stayed with his brother working in the summer andgoing to shcool in the winter. In the winter of 1888 George went back to the old country to settle up an estate and report to authorities there, as he had been away from Germany as long as he had permission to be absent. He came back in the spring, bought out the relinquishment and proved it up as a homestead.

Mr. Morgan says, "It was a favorite pastime in the early days to lay out a railroad and plat towns and sell lots, but many of them did not stand the test and never materialized." The rather pretentious plans of the Dakota Midland were formed in 1883 and where the railroad crossed the James River there should be a town, so in May of 1883 the Dakota Midland platted the town of Hudson. Also a road north and south to be known as the James River Valley Railroad was expected to pass through the town. Neither of these ever materialized for Hudson, but the surveyor's stakes and the prospects of a junction town furnished a great stimulus for buying lots. The town was located on an ideal place on the west bank of the James on the corners of section six and seven of Township 130-59 and sections one and twelve in Township 130-60. M.H. Chamberlain maintained a land office in Hudson for the sale of lots.

The town of Hudson was quite a place according to Andreas Atlas of Dakota, (1884) which says "Early in April 1883 settlers began to come in rapidly and by the following October scarcely a claim was to be had within five miles of the river at this point. In May, 1883, the Dakota Midland platted the town of Hudson, which is located on a beautiful plateau rising by gradual ascent from the James River. The town is regularly laid out with streets one hundred feet wide and near the center a fine public park."

"The business establishments at present consist of two hotels, three stores, three real estate and loan offices, one printing office, the Hudson Herald established December 4, 1883, by R.S. Busteed, one livery stable, one pump shop, one blacksmith shop and a post office."

Mr. George H. Ladd built a hotel and another building for a store. These were built of lumber hauled out from Ellendale, and were two stories high. His son,

George F. Ladd, was just a boy and did much of the hauling for the store and hotel after they got started. The flour was brought from Columbia and other supplies came from LaMoure and Ellendale. On one occasion, George took a load of butter to Lisbon where he sold a part of it for six cents a pound. Eggs were six cents dozen and were packed in oats or chaff for handling as the egg crates were unknown at that time.

Hudson was named from the river of the Empire State as many of the settlers were from that state. Mr. T.W. Millham, who had a store, was the postmaster. The mail was brought out from Ellendale by any of the citizens who happened to go to Ellendale as there was no regular route established.

At first the James River had to be forded, but a ferry was established by a man named True who had a claim five miles west of town. True would come over every day to operate his ferry; then later he moved his family to a house on the east side of the river. The boat was a scow, with a flat bottom and top, which could haul one wagon and team at a time, and it was operated by pulleys and rope to haul the boat across. When a traveler came to the side of the river and found the boat across on the other side or to the west side at night, he whistled and the boat came after him. The fare was 25¢ whether for a person or team, and a young man who had a sweetheart on the other side found it expensive for him, as well as troublesome for the ferry man. Later a bridge was built across the river by the township, a little south and east of Hudson. This had long earth approaches through the shallow water and a span of about 60 to 80 feet long in the center, supported by 8 x 8 piling. The bridge used to wash out in the high water of spring, but it would be watched by someone and would be caught and tied up to the bank until the water went down when it could be replaced.

A good school house was built in Hudson in 1885. This was built large enough to serve as a community rallying place and for church services. When the town was abandoned, this school house remained at its old location for many years and was moved in 1923 two miles west. The first school was taught by a man named Hinman. There were thirty pupils and the next year there were forty. Many of the boys were big fellows, the McLains, Davises, Morgans and Kendalls and George Kunrath.

Most of the people who located at Hudson were Americans and were a very good class of people. They made no disturbances and were supporters of the school and churches. Church services were held first in Ladd's hotel, but when the school house was completed, the services were held there. Reverend Witham of Guelph was the first Minister. He held services in the school house for some time. Later Reverend R.H. Hook, a Presbyterian, was the minister, and as the people were pretty well divided between Methodist and Presbyterian, the Methodists had Rev. Mr. Giddings one Sunday, and the Presbyterians had Rev. Mr. Hook the next, all uniting as one church.

As the Dakota Midland Railroad never materialized, the new town had no railroad. When the Northwestern came up the east side of the river, it was thought that a new town would be located over on the east side and thus made Hudson a town with a railroad, but the Northwestern went about three miles farther north and a town located there. Many of the people and the buildings of Hudson went to Oakes, and within a few years nothing was left of Hudson but a few cellar holes to mark the location of an interesting and aspiring city.

The first wedding in Hudson was Arne Pederson and Hanna Elsie Gronbeck who were married April 15, 1885.

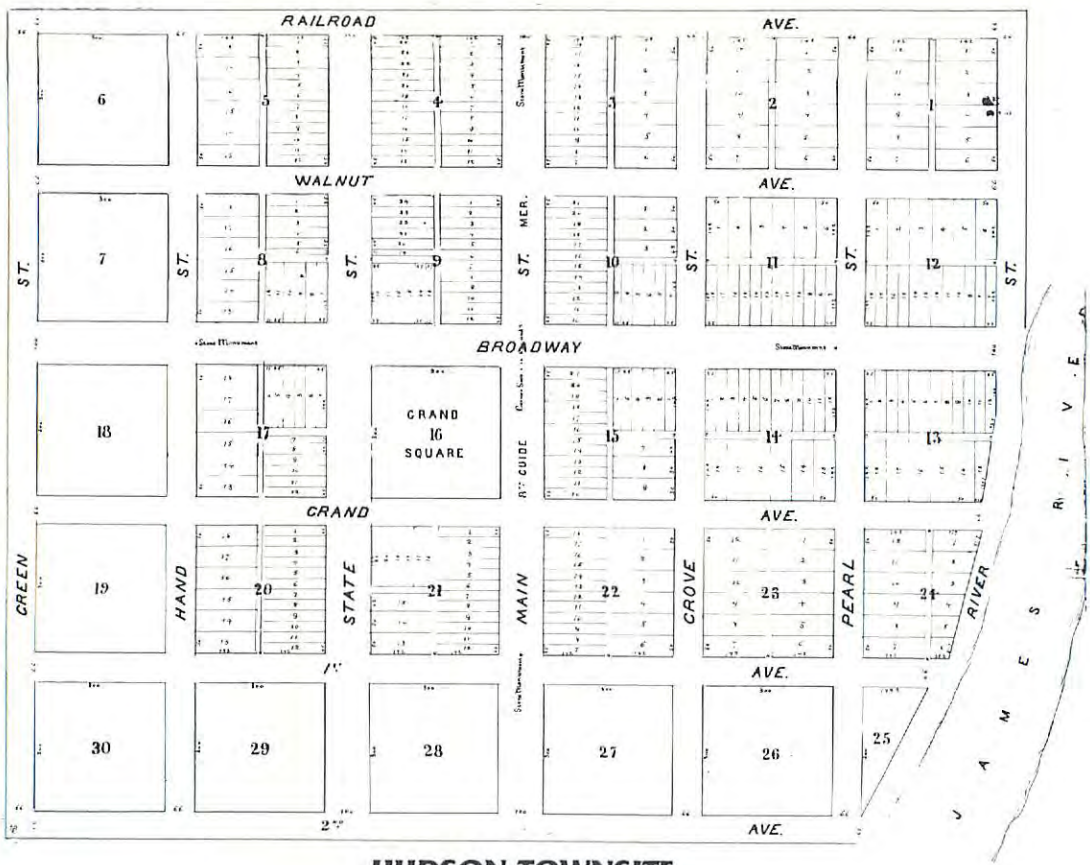
Droughts, blizzards, prairie fires, plagues of grasshoppers, and isolation were all endured by the hardy homesteaders who put up a hard fight to lay claim to 160 acres.

Hudson townsite land was surveyed by E.W. Ackert of Ellendale and the Kehn brothers agreed to furnish title to an acre and a half of land. This was to be set aside for a park, in which trees would be planted, and during the coming years would be an ideal picnic ground with a graveled road leading to it. This monument of native stone with a memorial plaque is in this plot.



This tragic event is recorded in the Port Emma Times from Hudson Dec. 20, 1883. Gertrude Millham, age 15, passed away Sunday morning Dec. 16 at Hudson from diptheria.

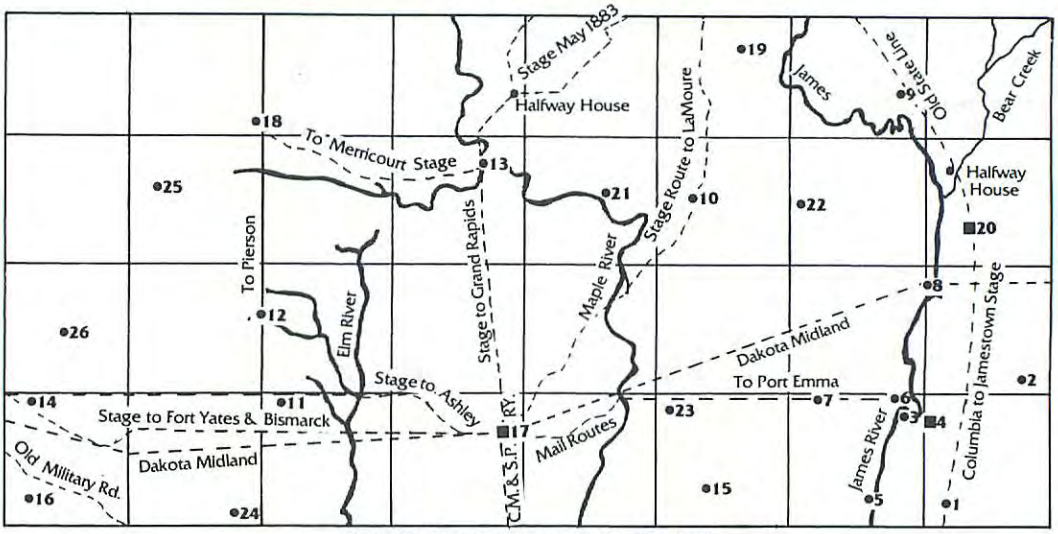
Dec. 27, 1883 issue: On the 16th of December the oldest daughter of Thomas and Anna Millham died. The following Wednesday night two more, Albert, aged 11 years and little Bessie, aged 5 years. The following night came with terrible and awful sadness to the stricken household and two more were added to the list of dead. All that the medical attendant, Dr. Matthews, could do to check the fatality of the malady was done, but to no purpose and Friday claimed two more of the children. Now came the saddest scene of all—the six inanimate forms of the brothers and sisters lying side by side, six little coffins carried out one by one and again placed side by side in their last resting place. Only the baby of this family lived. Reverend Witham conducted the funeral service. His complete sermon is published in Dec. 27, 1883, issue of the Port Emma Times.



HUDSON TOWNSITE

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DICKEY COUNTY IN PIONEER DAYS



POSTOFFICES AND STAGE ROUTES

1. Ticeville Oct. 18, 1883
2. Hillsdale 1883 later Cresent Hill
3. Old Ludden July 2, 1883
4. New Ludden 1886
5. Eaton June 11, 1883
6. Port Emma 1882
7. Guelph 1887
8. Hudson May, 1883
9. Ulness 1884, later Glover, 1887
10. Yorktown 1883
11. Lorraine 1897
12. Pierson Feb. 17,. 1898
13. Keystone April 6, 1882
14. Albertha 1896
15. Weston Oct. 18, 1883
16. Wolff 1910
17. Ellendale 1882
18. Merricourt 1884
19. Wright 1887
20. Oakes Sept. 6, 1886
21. Fullerton Oct. 1888
22. Clement Aug. 24, 1888
23. Silverleaf 1887
24. Forbes 1905
25. Whitestone 1882
26. Wirch 1900

T.W. BUSH AND HIS "VILLAGE PORT EMMA"

(Taken from **Dickey County History, Port Emma Times, Oakes Republican,** and the **Ludden History** by Mrs. F.M. Folsom)

T.W. Bush was born at Kemptville, Ontario, Canada, July 24, 1836. On January 20, 1859, he married Sarah A. Eastman, to this union three children were born, W.H. Bush, J.W. Bush and a daughter, Mrs. P.N. Tate. They also adopted two children, Henry and Amanda Bush.

In December of 1880, Mr. Bush left Ontario travelling the southern states looking for suitable soil and climate. He lived in the state of Iowa until June of 1882 when he came over the Northwestern Line to that more or less mythical place known as the "end of the rails." This brought him to Ordway Dakota. He went on up the James River, and on June 8, 1882, he came to the little knoll at the "fish hook bend" of the James River. The view over the beautiful prairie, the sparkling water of the James and the rich black soil all appealed to him. The soil varied in depth from 2 to 6 feet, and gravel sustained by heavy clay from 10 to 100 feet. He selected this spot, 2-129-60 as the site for his new town. He named it Ottawa after Ottawa, Canada.

The next spring T.W. Bush and his youngest son, J.W. Bush, with Edward Pletcher shipped their settlers goods to Ordway and proceeded to their site. The land was not yet surveyed except for township lines, and the squatters had to trust to luck with their estimate as to the location of their claim. After arriving at their new site they set up their tent and leaving the boy J.W there to watch it, the men drove by compass to Ellendale to get lumber to put up their shacks.

That summer of 1883, Mr. Bush platted and laid out the town. The Walkers started a store, Mr. Graham, a grocery and provision store and a few residences were built. A post office by the name of Bushtown was established in 1882, with Mr. Bush as its first postmaster. T.W. also erected a hotel which he named the Ottawa House.

By 1883, the postoffice was the biggest and best equipped in Dickey County. It was located on the corner of Broadway and Dakota Ave. The mail came from Ellendale as that was the nearest railroad town. Miss Emma Williams, the first lady who took a claim in the eastern part of Dickey County was his assistant. T.W. Bush, his first wife having passed away, and Emma Williams were united in marriage March 4, 1884, at the Ottawa House, a fine hotel that Mr. Bush erected and named after the memories of his old home. Rev. Mr. Clark, a Presbyterian minister of Ellendale performed the ceremony. Their marriage was the first in the region and to this union, two sons were born, Frank and Gideon. Port Emma received its new name then, after his wife Emma and also because the Nettie Baldwin made its first port of call on April 17, 1884.

With the influx of new settlers there was much travel, and early in the town's history, Mr. Bush established a ferry across the James River. This was a scow, operated by hand-power on an inch rope and a pulley. The ferry, run by W.H. Bush was placed in operation April 7, 1884, and was made free to all that fall, the townships paying the $20.00 a year. A stage line from Ellendale to Milnor through Port Emma was established in 1884. The stage rates was advertised to carry passengers, parcels and freight; passengers 7 cents a mile, parcels under 10 pounds, ½cent, over 10 pounds and under 25 pounds, 1 cent a mile, and freight per hundred weight, 2 cents. This was one of the first parcel post lines in Dakota.

J.P. and F.L. Walker located in Port Emma in the spring of 1883, and had the most complete store in Dickey County. Their large stock consisted of general hardware, agricultural implements, lumber and gents' furnishing goods. The senior member of the firm, Mr. J.P. Walker, was a man of good business ability, sound judgment and had the push and energy that might put a young man to blush. He had been in active business as a railroad contractor and builder for many years, and his large experience, intelligence and decision of character had made him a valued citizen. Mr. Fred L. Walker was a young man of marked ability and it was due in great degree to his genial manners and integrity that "Walkers Store" was the favorite trading place in the valley.

Mr. J.L. Graham came to Port Emma from Indianola, Iowa, and started a grocery and provision store, erecting a large building for accommodation of his stock. He had years of experience in mercantile business and knew what the trade demanded, he used every effort to please his customers. Other businesses in Port Emma were: Hall & Co., groceries and feed, Ellis and Brown, insurance agents and loan office, T.T. Crandall, land attorney, notary public and lender. A theatre in Galvin's Hall, Wm. Leffingwell as blacksmith; C.A. Rounds, bakery and restaurant with a good supply of tobacco and cigars; E. Grout, mercantile business; he later closed this and opened up the Grout House for the reception of guests. Ma Hokcumb, jewelry store; Frank E. Randall, grocery store. Mr. Bush operated many businesses, those being, the Ottawa House and stables, the ferry, a real estate office and the postoffice. Mr. Bush also was the justice of peace in 1886.

The **Port Emma Times** made its debut November 29, 1883, with Edwin S. Gilbert as its editor. The editors first salutory in the first edition was "The **Port Emma Times** comes out with greetings for one and all this Thanksgiving. We do not hesitate to ask your patronage, for we trust that by energy and labor to merit it. We would not put at the heading of this column "two dollars per year", did we not feel confident of giving value received. It is true that we are in a new country, a new town; but we come with new hope, enterprise, and a high ambition to overcome every obstacle, and strive for success. Merit will win, if our paper is worthy of success, it will achieve it; if not, we deserve to fail." Well, it did not fail, because in 1886, the paper circulation was well over 500 subscribers. October 2, 1884, the **Port Emma Times** changed hands and Wm. H. Ellis was its editor. Mr. Gilbert was still proprietor.

The first election of officers for the Port Emma and Eaton school districts was held at Eaton, a small settlement south of Port Emma, on March 10, 1883. The

day was quite warm and pleasant which brought out a large crowd. The polls were opened at noon and continued open until five o'clock. Prof. Eaton, C.E. Tallmadge and Edward F. Kay were the judges. Frank Aldrich and E.S. Gilbert were chosen clerks. The best feeling prevailed throughout the day, while the friends of each candidate were anxious to have their man win, still all were willing to abide by the vote of the majority. There were ninety two votes polled. The Port Emma people built their school house in July and August of 1885. School had been held at the home of Mrs. Raleigh's, with Mrs. Raleigh as their school teacher.

The people of Port Emma, through the influence of Rev. Fawcett obtained $500.00 from the conference towards a Methodist church fund. The Port Emmaites subscribed $515.00 with promises of more, making in all $1300.00, a sum sufficient to construct a very fine edifice; but that is as far as the effort went and the people held religious services in the hall until the schoolhouse was built. There was no church building until after the settlement of the present Ludden.

Oscar Dickey Beggs, the first boy baby was born June 6, 1883. He was named after Dickey County. It is thought that he was the first baby born in Dickey County. Oscar's parents were Abram Leonard Beggs and Amanda Bush the adopted daughter of T.W. Bush. They homesteaded the quarter 3-129-60 of Port Emma Township. Oscar, upon graduation of high school in 1900 or 1901, joined his father in Beggs Abstract and Real Estate office of Ellendale. He was elected county Register of Deeds in 1909 through 1911. The first baby girl born in Port Emma Township was on February 12, 1884, to Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Rusco. Mr. Aaron H. Martin, a native of Montpelia, Vermont, was the first death in this area, having died November 8, 1883. Mr. Martin held a great life insurance policy that was of great help to his widow and aided her in erecting a commodious and comfortable house about five miles east of the town Port Emma. Mr. Puffer hauled the lumber for Mrs. Martin's house.

Mr. Bush, aside from all his business interest, owned one of the finest farms in Dickey County. During the fall of 1884, a huge turnip, which measured three feet in circumference and also a sunflower which measured three and one half feet were raised on the T.W. Bush farm. They were on exhibition for ten days at Port Emma and then shipped to the New Orleans Exposition.

The social life in the new town was quite lively, as the people had their dances and sociables, their literary societies and celebrations. Port Emma, like many other frontier towns, had saloons with the attendant evils. There was a community spirit characteristic of a pioneer country. The report of the celebration of the Fourth of July, 1885, is found in their paper of that time; "Our Fourth passed off gloriously. The procession started from Mr. Smith's residence, headed by a six horse band wagon in which were seated thirteen girls dressed in white with Miss May Town in the center dressed as the "Goddess of Liberty" and Miss Alice Devlin as "Dakota". It also carried a fine banner made by Mrs. Town, which attracted much attention, and was followed by several four horse wagons and other conveyances. The ground selected was a high plateau on the hills where we could look over into four counties; and commanding a fine view of the surrounding country. There were from two to three hundred people present, and all seemed to enjoy themselves hugely. The tables fairly groaned under the weight of good things and none went home hungry. The choir sang "Freedom's Banner" excellently. Major Copley made a fine opening address. Mr. Kennedy read the "Declaration of Independence" unusually well. Mr. Denison surpassed himself in his remarks to the school. Major Lovell protesting that he could not make a speech, made a good one and was cheered roundly. Col. Eaton made a ringing address which was well received. The soldiers then formed in line, under the command of Major Lovell and marched around the grounds singing "John Brown's Body" and "Marching through Georgia." A game of ball was played with Couch and Tranger as captains. Five innings were played and the Couch nine came out two scores ahead. Mr. Flanders gave an excellent song accompanied by his guitar, and Mr. Bales sang several songs with an organ accompaniments.

Mr. Bush's oldest son, W.H. Bush, at the age of 22, owned a farm adjoining the townsite of Port Emma. The farm in 1884 was valued at $10,000. W.H. Bush was born at Port Elgin, Ontario, Canada, October 26, 1862, received his higher education at the Brockville High School and the Albert College of Belleville, Canada. He came to Port Emma, January 15, 1882. He was married November 30, 1887, to Miss Minnie Marsh, daughter of W.H. Marsh and Hannah Bell Marsh. To this union two sons were born, John Waldron and Will Bush, Will died at the age of 10 months. W.H. Bush operated the ferry in the years of 1882 and 1883 across the James River at this point charging fifty cents a piece per person for the round trip. In 1883 and 1884, he operated a stage line between Ellendale and Milnor under his father's contract, going to Milnor one day and back to Ellendale the next. Also one trip a week between Port Emma and Ordway, South Dakota. He carried the mail betwen these points and drove fast ponies.

Mr. Bush's youngest son J.W. Bush was a native of Canada, being born at Moriatown, Ontario, January 27, 1865. He received his higher education at Brockville, Canada, and two years of business college at Minneapolis, Minnesota. He came to Dickey County with his father, T.W. Bush, in 1882 and turned first sod in four townships, Port Emma, Lovell, Hudson, and Riverdale. Mr. Bush married Miss Cora Cady, October 19, 1890. They lived in the Straubville area until 1903, when he moved to Oakes to take charge of the Corner Hardware. His stepbrother, Frank, was his assistant. J.W. Bush passed away in 1926.

Port Emma, at one time was quite a flourishing village. Had the railroad passed through this place, it would have made it the principle town in the east end of the country, but the railroad came up the opposite side of the river, the town of Ludden was started by the railroad company and Port Emma was a thing of the past. Some of the lots were sold, some of the buildings were moved to Ludden or Oakes, but Mr. Bush still held the largest interest in the townsite when the decline came. He still owned most of the property at his death. Mr. T.W. Bush died at his home in Oakes, Sunday, December 11, 1898, at the age of 62 years.

Mr. Bush was a man of strong individuality, like many another, in his anxiety to aquire property in this country, he went into debt, and not being able to meet



Top-bottom - Bill Bush, Justice W. Bush, Gideon Bush, Frank L. Bush, John Waldron Bush, Grant C. Bush, Kenneth Bush.

his obligations as they became due, was considerably worried and lost some property through failure to realize his own investments. But during the past few years he had been catching up with the procession, by hard work, and it was only a few days before his death he said that in another year he would be square with the world and have all his property clear. He was a man very devoted to his family, and continually labored for their material and moral welfare.

With the coming of the railroads, the original Port Emma, was left an inland town. The Great Northern R.R. put in a station stop in the southeastern part of Hudson township and it was called Port Emma. The station stop consisted of an elevator, depot and a office. The elevator was built in 1887 by Northwestern Elevator Co. A tornado destroyed the elevator in 1921 and the pit was enjoyed by all as a swimming hole. In the 1940's, the depot was still being used as a stop for picking up cream.

Shortly after T.W. Bushs' death, the farmstead, all that was left of the original town of Port Emma, was sold to Wm. Schrader of Nebraska. The farmstead consisted of the Ottawa House, the original hotel, which was turned into a residential home, the livery stables and a granary. Mr. Schrader sold the farm in 1919, but got the farm back because the buyer was unable to make payments. The daughters of Wm. Schrader then inherited the farmstead. In September, 1915, Miss Esther Schrader married Grover Baldwin at Ludden, North Dakota, and in the early twenties took up residence at the site. Grover and his family moved to the original south of Ludden in 1928 and through the next few years the old farmstead saw many renters. Some of those renters were the Wattula's, Kilcheman's, and Kelly's. Leo German, in 1958 bought the section of land from Mrs. Esther Baldwin and Leo, with the help of Ben Hapala of Ludden, tore the old Ottawa house of seventy-four years down. The lumber, being used to build a garage on his family farm north of Guelph. The partitions of the old hotel, they found, were made of beaver-board, a fiberb oard of one-eighth strips of paper cardboard, bonded by net glued together. The only other building was also moved to the German farm and now houses German's Ceramics. German Ceramics is owned and operated by Mick and Judy German, and in this old building, all of the 1983 Guelph centennial plates, cups, and ceramic souvenirs have been made.



LUDDEN PROPER

"Old Ludden"

(Taken from the **Ludden History** by Mrs. F.M. Folsom and the Dickey Co. History)

Frank E. Randall and family came to Dakota Territory from Ortonville, Minnesota, in the spring of 1883, built a small shack and ran the first grocery store at Port Emma. Different people suggested to Mr. Randall that he start a town on his land as most of his trade at Port Emma came from east of the James River, and it would save so many the task of crossing the river. On July 2, 1883, Mr. Randall and T.T. Crandall had T.F. Schofield survey a townsite on Mr. Randall's land. The site was placed on the lots of 11 and 12 of township 129-60 of section 1. This was located just south of the "fish hook bend" of the James River and across from the village of Port Emma.

In 1875, Mr. Randall had lived with J.D. Ludden of St. Paul, Minnesota, while attending International Business College. He thought so much of Mr. and Mrs. Ludden and appreciated all they had done for him , that he named the new town after Mr. Ludden.

When Mr. and Mrs. Randall built their claim shack, there was not a shack in sight on the east side of the James River. The next morning there were four new shacks in sight and every morning thereafter, there would be one or more new ones in view. Randall's shack was sixteen feet by twenty feet, had a pitched roof, sides one thickness of boards, and windows. In the fall they put brown building paper on the outside which made it very comfortable and cozy. The cellar was so warm that potatoes sprouted. When they papered the shack they built on a bedroom and coal shed which was also a storm shed. The furniture was a cook stove, hard coal heater, bedstead, organ, table, six chairs, one rocker, commode and two boxes nailed up on the wall for cupboards.

Ogden Lovell was the first postmaster in Old Ludden but Mrs. Randall did the work as the office was in Randall's store. The postoffice came into existence July 2, 1883.

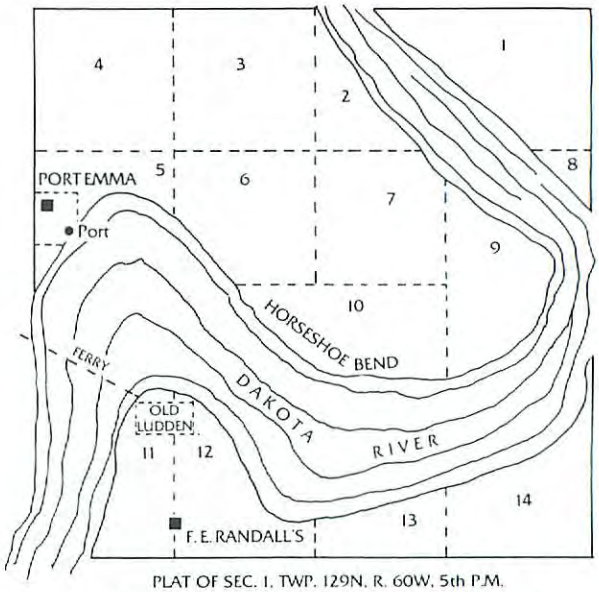
Wm. Leffingwell ran the blacksmith shop both at Port Emma and Old Ludden, Randall Bros had a general store, Mr. Curtiss, a motel, Ogden Lovell, a lumber office, Harvey's dry goods store and W.B. Allen, a law office. All of the businesses and buildings were moved to New Ludden in 1886.

Mr. Alonson Lovell and his sons Ogden, Thomas and Egbert were the first settlers in Lovell Township. Alonson Lovell was a native of Illinois, and died at the town of Old Ludden, November 27, 1884, at the age of 83 years.

In 1886, the Chicago and North Western railway came up the east side of the James and the people of Old Ludden moved over to the railroad where the new town was located. While the Chicago and Northwestern railroad was being built at New Ludden, Frank Shaw hauled lumber from Ellendale with an ox team, built a one and one half story meat market, the only building there for some time, and furnished meat for the construction crew. When his shop was finished, he killed the oxen and sold the meat.

The early Finnish settlers at Old Ludden were industrious citizens and hard workers of the soil. Life during the first years was a constant struggle. They did not go hungry as there were plenty of fish and waterfowl in the nearby lakes and river. The families were short of funds, so they co-operated with their neighbors to buy machinery and oxen. Gradually together they increased the number of their animals. The oxen were slow patient beasts although sometimes they struck and ran into the lake. There was nothing to do but wait until they decided to come out to graze; then back to the fields. In neighborliness and in friendship the prairie was broken and fields created. As they increased their holdings, they bought threshing machines run by horse power or oxen. When times prospered, some of them bought steam threshers and loaned themselves out to thresh for other farmers. They lived a simple, Christian life and were honest and respected people.

NOV. 14, 1883



PLAT OF SEC. 1, TWP. 129N, R. 60W, 5th P.M.

OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT SURVEY

TICEVILLE

(Taken from the **Port Emma Times**, Ludden History by Mrs. F.M. Folsom and the Dickey County History)

In 1883, the founders of Ticeville were driving north through Brown County when they struck the well known stage road, which had been the "beaten path towards the land of happiness and plenty" for many a homeseeker. Following this road northwards, they reached the northern boundary of Brown County and passed into township 129, range 59 of Dickey County and here they stopped. The party consisted of Edward F. Kay, Dewitt C. Towne, Hiram N. Towne and that "guardian angel of the squatter" Henry A. Tice of

Columbia, South Dakota. Mr. E.F. Kay took the NW¼-31, Mr. D.C. Towne the SW¼-31, Mr. H.M. Towne the NE¼-32 and Mr. F.M. Kay the SE¼-32. They first named the town Kaytown, but on account of confusion arising from Keytown, they finally adopted the name Ticeville after Henry A. Tice.

The postoffice was established October 18, 1883, and was kept in the home of a family named Towne, although Fred M. Kay is given in the official records as the first postmaster, Edward F. Kay was its postmaster until 1887. The Ticeville postoffice was the neighborhood community center. They spoke of it as the Towne house, since the interesting, eccentric and talented family who lived there bore that name. The postoffice was discontinued January 9, 1888. In 1883, E.R. Kennedy of Ticeville carried the mail a distance of thirty miles between Columbia and Port Emma, on foot, fighting blizzards and wading through snowdrifts, stopping at the halfway house to thaw out frozen noses and feet, and after all this still had trouble getting his pay.

The Ticeville Literary Club, held fortnightly during the winter, was the social event of the neighborhood. Much latent talent discovered, and many persons of education and culture generously helped. Fred Sinclair of Eaton gave orations from the classics; Prof. Eaton read or talked interestingly from his wide experiences; Little Jenny Robertson read charmingly; Mrs. Towne wrote original poems. The programs were varied and always interesting. At times there were as many as sixty people who came to enjoy these evenings. "Man" written by Mrs. Julia Towne of Ticeville was read before the Literary Club, November 27, 1884.

"Man"

In the beginning God created man upright,
A little lower than angels in his sight;
Gave him his breath, and he became a living soul;
And placed the things of earth at his control.
But he has sought out many strange inventions
While meeting oft in councils and conventions,
He first made ships with many sails unfurled,
And great Columbus found our western world.
Then man boiled water and made steam so strong,
That it propelleth mighty loads along,
He sought out diving bells that sink into the deep,
To find the treasures that the waters keep.
And in a basket riseth he on high
Held up by gas, and floating in the sky.
He claimeth lightning in a lengthened wire,
And sendeth thru it the electric fire.
In little dots and dashes readeth he
The fate that's coming unto you and me,
With pills and potion powders be the path,
That leadeth where all mortals sleep at last.
The scalpel with a steady hand he draws
And findeth by it nature's broken laws,
He with a crucible of finest mold
Extracts the secrets that creations hold.
He maketh needles now in which the thread,
Goes through the point instead of through the head,
He knitteth garments in a wonderous way
And his machine makes thousands in a day.
The printing press is man's supremest thought,
For with it all the world can now be taught,
He maketh a machine so like his hand
It holds the grain and ties it with a band.
And the electric light conceived by one great mind
Is of all inventions the most wonderful we find.
A man in New York City hears the softest tones
That's spoken in Chicago, thru a telephone.
But the most fearful things that man has brot to light,
are nitro-glycerine and deadly dynamite,
Niagara's power, once viewed with awe and fear,
Is carried by electric wires across the hemisphere.
Nearly in the beginning Noah tried to find
Something to ease his body and stupify his mind,
So from the luscious war taketh of each,
The clustering grapes and downy peach.
The rosy apple with its juices fine,
The stems of glowing currents red as wine,
And when distilled, he to the world doth bring
From God's best gifts to man, a deadly thing.
And thus tho great, in much he doeth well
The fruit in the beginning showed him hell,
In fearful danger now on earth he lives;
His only hope is what the Savior gives,
He, "lifted up; draweth all men to him,
And saveth them from Satan and from sin."
Tonight is man's Thanksgiving and he ought to thank his God
That his mind is made immortal, tho his flesh rests neath the sod.
And while he eats roast turkey, partakes of cake and pie,
He ought to thank his Maker that his soul can never die.

Ticeville, November 27, 1884

The following also is a poem written by one of our earliest settlers, Mr. J.B. Towne entitled "Woman".

"WOMAN"

The fairest being formed at God's command,
Studied by high and low, ignorant and wise;
A being only God can understand,
Artistic in construction, perfect in beauty,
Consistant in love, faithful in every duty,
Weeping with those who weep, laughing with the merry.
Seeking to save the lost, by them unbidden,
Taken from man's side, his heart left unprotected,
Formed from a bone of finest make and finish;
And God creating thus, the best for this selected,
When man was formed, the dust of the earth was moulded.
But this most perfect of all wise creations,
From round his heart in beauty was unfolded,
Thus mother Eve stood up a glorious being;
For God and man combined to make her perfect,
And He who formed her, the wise "All Seeing,"
Knew wherefore from man's rib, He made a woman.

The first school was held in a small claim shanty belonging to Grandma Woodward, and was taught by a tiny, merry seventeen-year old, by the name of May Towne. While the discipline was not all that might have been desired, it at least was as good as could have been expected in so small a room. The second term was held in the new Ticeville school house with a Mr. Fred Sinclair

of Eaton, Dakota, the teacher, who was a man of culture and vision. Most of the schools in the rural districts were attempting to do work up to and including the ninth grade, and that with one teacher. In one school in 1887 an exceptionally good man teacher received $30.00 a month, and had 60 pupils. After some years the wages advanced and a first grade teacher received $32.00 a month, a second grade, $30.00 and a third grade, $28.00. Country board for teachers was $2.00 a week and in town $3.00.

Ticeville was known as the matrimonal center in the years of 1884 and 1885.

Emily Kennedy, daughter of E.R. Kennedy, one of the earlier settlers of Ticeville, gives a description of life then, she states "it is only when time has cooled the hot sting of poverty and dulled the memories of the bitter hardships of pioneer days, that we are able to concede to them the picturesqueness which we could not see at that time, and to fully appreciate the hardy, kindly neighborliness, and resourcefulness which characterized those people, who, coming from every state in the Union and representing every degree of society, toiled, endured and gave of their best."

TWO MEN DROWNED

James H. Rowe and Elnathan Woodward were drowned Monday, April 14, 1884. They were attempting to cross the James River at Port Emma when at about noon of that day, the above named men and Josiah Smith and Dinnie Hillock started to cross the river in a row boat. When about half way across the swollen stream, the boat capsized throwing them in the water, Mr. Rowe and Mr. Woodward sank at once, to rise no more. Mr. Woodward could not swim and was not heard to speak after striking the water; but Mr. Rowe was a good swimmer and started for shore calling for help. The last words he said were "Oh, my God!" His cap was found floating on the water. Both men were wearing heavy overcoats. Mr. Smith, by great presence of mind saved himself by placing his fingers on a board they had used for an oar, which enabled him to keep up until the boat came to the surface. By placing their hands upon the bottom of the boat, Smith and Hillock floated down the stream until F.L. Walker and W.W. Youmans reached them with another boat. Mr. Walker was closing his store to go to dinner when he heard cries for help, and Mr. Youman, being near, they both started to the river and were the first to get there. By skillful management they succeeded in getting the two men in the boat and rowing them to the west shore. Search was at once commenced for the two unfortunate men but to no avail. Mr. Rowe was on his way to Ellendale, Dakota, to make proof on his claim and Mr. Woodward was to serve as one of his witnesses.

The bodies of Mr. Rowe and Mr. Woodward were not found until May 7th and 8th, Mr. Rowe being found first. On account of the insurance policy of $2500, which Mr. Woodward carried, it was necessary to call a coroner's jury to identify the corpse. The coroner was absent so Justice Richie from near Ellendale acted in his place. The jury consisted of T.W. Bush, H.S. Graham and F.L. Walker.

HOMESTEAD LAW

The Homestead Law was passed in 1862. It was to grant public land to settlers free or at a low price on condition that they live on it and make it productive. The western lands were at first looked upon simply as a way of gaining money for the Government, and great tracts were sold to investors. But farmers soon began to demand that the Government sell small tracts at a low price to homesteaders. The homesteader was to be at least twenty-one years old or the head of a family. He must be an American citizen, or must have declared his intention to become one, and he could not own more than 160 acres of land in the United States. The homestead became his property after he lived on it for a certain number of years and had made certain improvements.

Homestead laws helped to settle the West. Hundreds of thousands of pioneer farmers poured into the western territories in the 1800's and early 1900's. New communities were built, and new wealth was created. Immigrants from Europe and dwellers in the crowded East could improve their lot in life by staking out homesteads in the west. The homestead movement had strong influence on American ways of life.

The first homestead was granted to Daniel Freeman on January 1, 1863. It was near Beatrice, Nebraska.

PRE—EMPTION ACT

Pre-emption is the act of buying something ahead of other persons, or the right to do so. Pre-emption had a special meaning in the United States in the 1800's. People would move into a place, build on it, but not get a title. They were called "squatters." Real estate speculators, called "claim jumpers," often worked with lawyers to take the squatters' land from them. In 1841, Congress established the right of pre-emption. A person could file a land application and move in. If he improved the land and lived on it for six months, he could buy it from the Government for $1.25 an acre. This meant that the squatter had a right to buy his land ahead of anyone else. The purpose of the plan was to make it easy for new settlers to become landowners. No one could get more than 160 acres, and persons who already owned as much as 320 acres could not get more by pre-emption.

Congress finally abolished the system of pre-emption in 1891. During the fifty years in which pre-emption was in force, about 200,000,000 acres passed from the Government to private owners.

"MIST" EARLY FUEL

By Peter Gramita, Kulm, N.D.

During the years of 1888 to 1890, timber for fuel was very scarce and coal expensive. The sloughs in northwest township, Dickey County, was filled with plenty of grass and the prairies produced much hay. As a matter of necessity the early settlers turned to hay as a fuel. Loose hay burned rapidly and was hard to handle, so some pioneers twisted the hay into hard bundles, sometimes tying them with a string, and fed the sticks (as the bundles were called) into the stove. One fire might last half an hour or more for heating purposes, and a good fire might cook a meal. Bread could be baked, but the fire needed much attention.

When the German settlers came into Dickey County, they brought with them their own formula for making fuel, the "Mist", as it is called in their language, and it is described as follows:

The "Mist" was prepared for fuel from barn-yard manure, the latter being allowed to accumulate in the yard during the spring and summer, the livestock tramping it down to a depth of about a foot. If it was to be used the same year it was best not to have too much straw in it, otherwise it was best to leave it in the yard over winter so that the straw would be well tramped and packed down. Blocks were then cut with a spade and turned on edge to dry. As soon as they were cured, they would be placed in big stacks or piles, plastered over with manure to shed water in case of rain, and left for further drying until used. Secret of this fuel was to get the material well packed and thoroughly cured before using.

Some people used buffalo and cow chips, but "Mist" was a prepared fuel and was better for all purposes.

TIMBER CULTURE ACT (TREE CLAIM ACT) OF 1873

(Taken from the History of the Public Land Policies by Benjamin Horace Hibbard)

The original bill was an act to encourage the growth of timber on western plains, provided that any person who would plant, protect and keep in a healthy growing condition for ten years, forty acres of timber, trees not more than twelve feet apart would receive title to the quarter section of which the forty acres was a part. Only one quarter in any section was to be obtained in this manner.

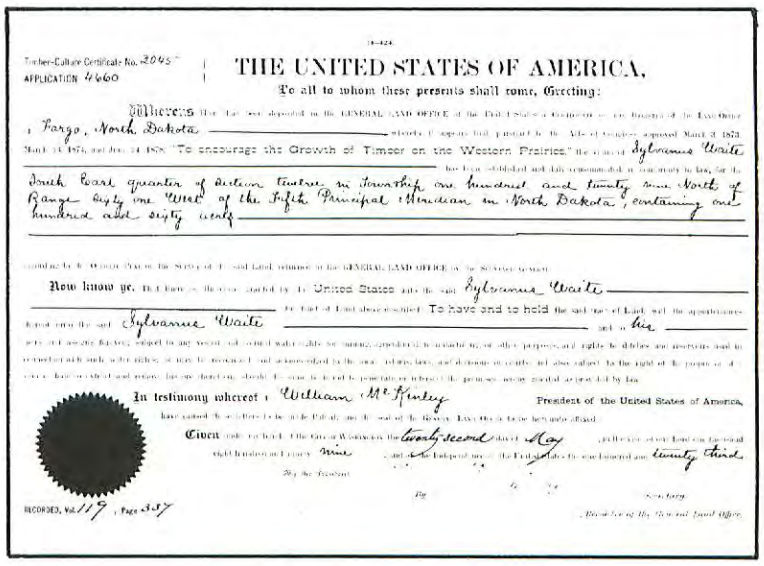
The act provided, also, that patents should be granted to homesteaders who had been on their claims for three years and had had one sixteenth of their land in trees for the last two years of that time. This, the first Timber Culture Act of 1873 was found wanting in many respects, as is shown by the fact that the very next year it was amended.

The qualifications for entry under the amendments were made the same as those of the Homestead law: the head of a family, twenty-one years of age, a citizen or a person officially declaring himself about to become such, which is a marked change from the qualifications in the original act expressed in the phrase "any person". The amount of land that could be obtained under this act was limited to one hundred sixty acres to any one person. One amendment provided that timber should be cultivated for eight years instead of ten. However, the greatest change was in the method of planting and cultivating. The original act required the entire forty acres to be planted in one year, which proved to be such a task as to render the law virtually void. Hence, the amended act contained minute specifications for the preparation of the ground and the planting of trees to extend over a period of four years.

This caused so much agitation, that it resulted in the Act of June 14, 1878, which reduced the number of acres from forty to ten and prescribed the number of trees to be grown per acre as 2,700 at the time of planting and "675 living, thrifty trees" when the patent should be granted. In the discussion of this bill it was generally admitted that the Timber Culture laws had not accomplished the results anticipated.

Timber Cultural entries were often made by men who had already used their pre-emption and homestead rights, thus getting probably 480 acres, altogether, of government land, a condition not contemplated, or favored, by the land office authorities. Many other instances and methods of evasion and fraud were given.

The act was repealed again in 1891 and in 1893 abolished, but those who had claims using the Timber Culture Act were given final proof if they had cultivated the trees in good faith and had a number of trees living.



Timber-Culture Certificate No. 2045
APPLICATION 4660

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

Whereas ... Fargo, North Dakota ... "To encourage the Growth of Timber on the Western Prairies" ... Sylvanus Waite ... South Half quarter of Section Twelve in Township one hundred and twenty two North of Range sixty one West of the Fifth Principal Meridian in North Dakota, containing one hundred and sixty acres

Now know ye, ... United States ... Sylvanus Waite ... Sylvanus Waite ...

In testimony whereof, William McKinley, President of the United States of America, ... Given ... the twenty second day of May ... and of the Independence ... the one hundred and twenty third.

By ... Secretary.

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Timber Culture Certificate issued to Sylvanus Waite

THE BUNDLE THRESHERS

In grain farming the culmination of the fruits of the labor of the early settlers came at harvest time. This was both an exciting and crucial time for the farmer. At this event the isolation of the farms was punctuated by the activity of the threshing crews and the parade of machinery involved in extracting the wheat from the chaff.

The early 1880's threshing machines of the area were of various shapes and sizes and powered by different methods with one rare version run by horse power. The horse-powered machines could handle the harvest of one or two smaller farms,but the farms of the Guelph area soon outgrew the capacity of these. Huge steam engines were becoming popular in the area for breaking sod and other plowing. The steamer was soon to be paired up and adopted to powering large grain separators at harvest time. One of the earlier accounts we have is of Aug. 15, 1901: "Chris Olthoff of Guelph received a splendid threshing outfit. It is of the Russell make and is as complete an outfit as we have yet seen." **(Dickey County Leader)**



Weitala's steam outfit threshing grain for Milo Bostrup in 1915.

Early model separators of the area were of mostly wooden construction and used a raddle chain on a conveyor elevator attached to carry the threshed straw up and deposit it over the end where it fell in a heap. This required a team and man with bucker to keep the straw cleared away.

These were soon replaced by separators with galvanized steel housing, and blowers replaced the raddle chain straw pilers. This was a big improvement in durability of the machine as well as ease of managing a straw pile by controlling direction, and elevation of the blower eliminated a man and team.

When a farmer had his grain all bound and shocked he was at the mercy of the weather and availability of a neighbor's or a custom threshing machine to get the crop into the bin before winter set in.

Depending on the size of the farm, the move could be an interesting event as illustrated by this account of Sept. 9, 1915: "John Korpua drove his threshing engine, tender, separator, and cook car over the Ludden Bridge all at the same time. The outfit was followed about ½ hour later by the H.B. Thomas engine, and Sunday afternoon L.A. Sampson's threshing outfit safely crossed the bridge on their way to Sylvanus Waite's big ranch where they expect to be located about 20 days." **(Dickey County Leader)**



Kyllonen threshing rig threshing from heading stacks of grain so no bundle haulers. Note, used 4 tine forks.

Some machines also towed a bunk car, but due to the length of the hook up the cook car and/or bunk car were often each pulled by a team of horses. Then to complement the threshing outfit were the bundle haulers and their 6 or 8 teams pulling the bundle wagons and on a larger 44" Advance Rumley, like the one owned and operated by Charlie and Bill Homerberg 10 or 12 bundle teams were involved.

Upon arriving at the designated field the bundle wagons would precede and go to the far end of the field to load up while the thresherman was selecting a level spot and testing the wind direction preparatory to setting his machine. He would head the feeder end of the separator into the wind, block the wheel of the separator and run the steamer around and face it toward the feeder then uncoil his long belt, give it half a twist and loop it over the drive pulley and take up the slack. If he lined up correctly, the belt would stay on and he'd be ready to thresh.

A loaded bundle rack would be driven on each side of the machine with the most experienced man and best behaved horses going up on the belt side. On the Homerberg rig 4 men would be unloading into the good capacity machine. The 2 extras were called spike pitchers. When loading the racks, sometimes 2 extra men were hired to help fill the racks. These were called field pitchers.

The steam engines were fired by straw, wood and coal or any combination of these. Flax straw was the best straw to burn but not as convenient to use as coal. The coal hauler and tank man was kept fairly busy during the day. As many as three 300 gal. tanks of water could be used up in a long day in the boiler. Much vapor



Inside cook car on the Homerberg rig - Al Poe, left.

was exhausted through the smoke stack. On some rigs the horses were also watered from these tanks. The artesian wells were helpful in filling the tanks, but filling the supply tanks of the engine boilers at required intervals took the efforts of someone on the hand operated piston pump. Ben Scheffert and Les Harris were two such pumpers referred to as "water monkeys" by the crew of the Homerberg rig. Ben recalls pumping many tanks of water from the nearest source be it ditch, slough or well. If from a ditch or slough, it had to be strained of weeds and debris. Long hauls required a second tank for stand-by.



Henry Provost hauling water for threshing crew.

Ben also remembers that the thresherman had a whistle code. For example 2 short blasts of the steam whistle could mean a hurry-up for a bundle hauler or 3 short blasts could mean the grain wagons were full and another wagon was needed. On a particular day a young harvest hand from Kansas was fooling around on the engine and saw the chain and brass ring hanging down. He gave it a hard pull and the loudest, shrillest blast one ever heard eminated from that whistle. The unloading rack teams took off at a gallop, also the loaded racks behind. Bundle wagons were bounding all over the field with bundles strewn in all directions. It was about 2 hours before things returned to normal. Charlie Homerberg was visibly angry!



Charlie and Bill Homerberg threshing crew. The cooks - Mabel Hoybak and Lillie Hoyback. Charlie Homerberg at right.

Explosions of boilers were not uncommon. Other accidents and delays were encountered such as a horse's tail getting caught in the belting resulting in loss of most of the tail and runaway of the team. The favorite delaying prank by one seeking a "breather" was to tie or stuff a big wad of binder twine in a bundle of grain. Upon reaching the cylinder it would slug the machine.

Occasionally the separator draw pin would get forked in with the scatterings on clean up or a lost wrench get tied in a bundle. When one of these hit the cylinder, it was often the concave that broke and damaged things internally, requiring a shut down for repairs. A rake tooth would often cause considerable damage. Now and then a fork would be dropped into the feeder and go through with considerable racket but little or no damage.

On a hot day with the right dust build-up in the machine, spontaneous combustion could result in fire in the separator and the burning straw would be belched out the blower pipe into the straw pile, a nasty fire would consume the straw pile and separator and sometimes the grain field.

There were incidents where the thresher operator tripped on his separator and became entangled in the belt and was flung to the ground with several broken bones and severe concussion never to regain consciousness as happened to George Stephenson, one of the Guelph's early custom threshers in the early 1900's.



Henry Taylor's Threshing Machine.

Another dreaded event was getting stuck with those behemoth steam rigs. Getting a bogged down steamer extricated from the mud often required up to 2 weeks efforts to free it. Walt Beck relates of an instance in which one rig was finally freed by winding a heavy rope around the drive pulley and then hooking a team of horses to pull the rope. This was time consuming and required many windings and many pulls to finally winch the engine free.

In spite of the drawbacks and hard work, it was an adventure and income for those seeking to make a few dollars. Most young fellows of the area were eager to get on a threshing rig.



Puffer-Maddock engine stuck in mud south of Guelph.

8-26-1909 "There are 7 threshers within 5 miles of Guelph. From the present outlook most farmers in this vicinity will have their grain threshed during August, something unheard of since the county was settled.

9-4-1913 "There are 5 threshing machines all at work near town (Guelph) and grain is coming in faster than the agents (elevator) can handle it. The grain is of good quality and with good weather it will soon be cared for" Guelph News - **Dickey County Leader**



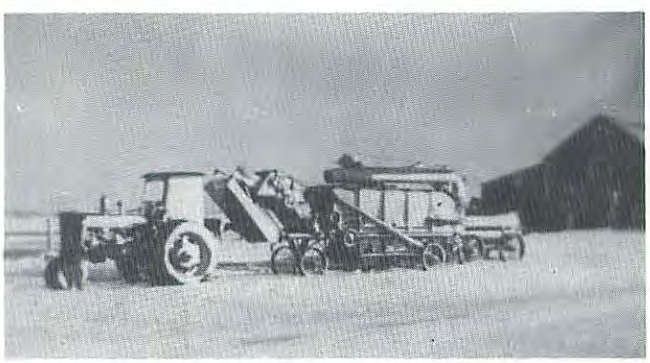
Nick Burkhardt's threshing rig.

By 1920 only a few steam rigs remained. They were being rapidly replaced by the more agile and handier petroleum burning tractors. These were now powering 26", 28" or 30" wide cylinder threshing machines of various makes and models.



Charlie and Bill Homerberg threshing outfit.

In Oct. of 1897 this ominous announcement appeared in the **Oakes Times**: "Most of the machines have quit threshing by the bushel and are now demanding $40 to $55 per day depending on the size. With such demands there are many farmers who will not be able to have their crops threshed at all."



Walt Beck threshing machine, Sept. 25, 1942.

Walt Beck states that his rate was $4.00 per hour for himself and machine. In addition the bundle haulers received 25 cents per hour and an extra 10 cents per hour for the team of horses plus oats and hay. One half bushel of oats was daily divided between the 2 horses. Woe be to the farmer who got stuck feeding 12 to 24 horses out of his oat bin for a 1 or 2-week rainy spell.

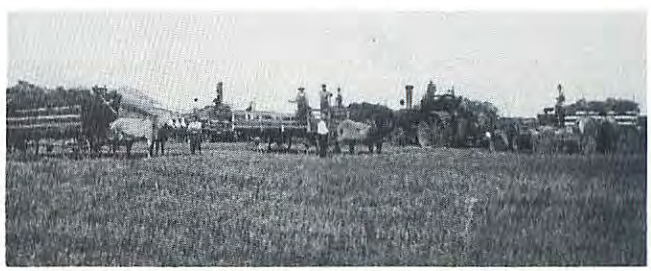
Clyde (Pug) Hauser remembers that when he threshed for D.T. Cowley that the only way Mr. Cowley would pay for threshing was according to the amount of twine he used to bind his crop. Which ever way the bill was figured, it worked out to about the same rate per hour.



Puffer-Maddock Steam Engine.



John Schwarting threshing crew.



John Schwarting's threshing crew.

In addition to the names mentioned above some of the other custom threshers in the area were: John and Abe Morgan, Puffer and Maddock, Bert Robins, John Schwarting who bought H.B. Thomas' rig, Nick Burkhardt, Henry Taylor, Kyllonens, Albert West, Paul and Clyde Hauser, and Harry Young.

The last two threshermen's rigs many of us worked on or remember best and which operated into the era of the combine were those of Walt Beck and Palmer Vie.

Walt Beck recalls working all night by the light of a kerosene lantern to repair the separator or give his engine a valve job so it would be ready to perform for the next day's threshing.

(This information from **Dickey County Leader, Oakes Times,** Walt Beck, Clyde Hauser and Ben Sheffert. Compiled by Roland Waite).

THE COOK CAR



The cooks Theta Maddock, Wanda Sell and Ellen McGivern goofing off.

After the threshing machine and the engine that powered it the cook car was next in importance.

While the bundle and grain haulers were feeding and harnessing their horses the cook car cook had been up long before sunrise preparing for the breakfast of huge stacks of hot cakes, platters of potatoes, fried eggs, bacon or ham and have the crew all fed and ready to be in the field by 7:00 A.M. She did all the cooking on a coal fired stove and made sure the dish water was heating while the crew was eating.

She'd be planning her dinner and supper meals while doing the dishes. There were a lot of potatoes to boil and baking to do and large platters of meat to fry. Peas, corn, and carrots were favorite vegetables and pie a favorite dessert. She also had to prepare mid-forenoon lunches and mid-afternoon lunches for the crew.

These cooks put in long hours from before sunrise until after sunset. They were likely to be paid by the hour and the wages sounded good as in August 26, 1915, "Quite a few of the married women have caught the craze and have gone on the cook cars for the threshing season" **Dickey County Leader**, and at this time the proprietor of the hotel at Ludden was without domestic help as his girls had walked out and hired out as cooks for the threshers.

Cooking on the cook cars was not without hazards of burns, scalds, cuts and bruises. A cook car corner was the dormitory for the cook and now and then an additional danger was encountered, "A cook car belonging to the Morgan Brothers in Hudson blew over in the storm Sunday night and injured the lady that was cooking for them. The car was turned over twice and she was caught between the table and bed. Dr. Maercklein was called but no bones were broken." August 15, 1912 **Dickey County Leader**

ORGANIZING THE TOWNSHIPS

The term 'township' had three meanings in the early days. The first was school, then civil and finally congressional.

The school townships were the first to be organized. The County Commissioners designated the boundaries and then called for elections on March 10, 1884 for the purpose of electing 1 director, treasurer and clerk, and deciding the name.

Eaton school township was 129-60 and 129-59; (Port Emma and Lovell)

Hudson school township was 130-60 and 130-59;

Weston school township was 129-61 and 130-61 (Ada and Kent)

The **Port Emma Times** on Oct. 10, 1885 published this item:

"The County Commissioners at their last meeting divided the county into civil townships and set up December 22, 1885, as the day for the first election of township officers. Our township comprises all that portion of 129-60, west of the James River, and 129-61, with its voting place at Dales school house. The township north of us comprises all that part of 130-60 west of the James River and 130-61, with the voting place at Hudson. The township of the east of us comprises all that portion of 129-60 and 130-60 lying east of the James River and 129-59, 130-59 with the voting place at Ludden. Thus it will be readily seen that the James River is made the dividing line in forming the county into civil townships."

February 16, 1886, this item appeared in the **Port Emma Times**:

"The inhabitants of 129-61 in a caucus held at Weston Monday last, decided to cut themselves loose from their better half and set up a civil township on their own hook. A special election of officers for the new town will be held Saturday. (Congressional township)

ADA TOWNSHIP

Facts taken from **History of Dickey Co.**

The first settler in this township was Mr. McPherson, who came about a week ahead of a group from Michigan. In June of 1883, John Martinson came out with the families of John Laho and John Personen as well as his own family. Laho and Personen had come on ahead to get ready for the families. Mr. Martinson reported that he had his hands full. When they transferred from one depot to another in Minneapolis, he had such a procession that he said it attracted the attention of the town. Mrs. Martinson kept the vow she made at that time never to move again.

Some of the people who came out were not well posted upon conditions. They brought with them stump pullers, axes and logging tools with which to clear their land. They found a land much different from

that in their Michigan home and were pleased that they could put their plows into the ground and turn over soil without having to grub out the stumps.

When Martinson landed his party in Frederick, Peldo met them and conducted them to his own shanty where they stayed over night. Their bedding was all in the emigrant car with their furniture, so they had to put hay on the floor and use their coats for covers. The next day the families scattered to their claims. The car of goods didn't come for some time, so they had to continue sleeping on hay on the floor. The Martinson shanty like many of the others was made of rough boards and the roof leaked. Mrs. Martinson had a big shawl that she used for a cover for the children. She put the bed in the middle of the shanty where the water did not drip so much. In the daytime the bed was put outdoors if the weather was dry enough.

When the men came out in advance to look up claims in the new country, as they found desirable locations they would get out some lumber and make some improvements. The land had not been surveyed except for township lines, and they had to do the best they could to locate so as to get the land they wanted.

Herman Liimata was a new arrival and did not belong to the Calumet colony. He had come from Finland to New York Mills, Minn. He came to some of his friends in the Frederick area. He spent 2 weeks looking over the area, doing all his traveling on foot. He finally located on the southwest of 32, choosing this place because there were 2 big sloughs on it.

D.W. Coon of Hudson, Wisconsin, had been out to Dakota in 1882 and had squatted on a piece of land west of where Guelph is now located. He persuaded Mads Peterson, who had been working for him, to go with him to Dakota. The first of April 1883, Mr. Coon shipped a car of stock and machinery for his new place. Mads Peterson and his brother came along, but they had nothing to ship so came by passenger train. The Peterson boys could not find a vacant place for a long time. Every quarter of land had a little shanty on it. Finally they found a quarter that had a shanty on it as a blind to hold it for some speculator. This was the southeast one fourth of section 3. The shanty was 8 by 12. They persuaded Tom Hughs to sell them the shanty for $15.00 and let them enter the land. This was Mads place; his brother made a somewhat similar bargain for the northeast quarter of that section.

T.H. McGinnis, his brother Patrick and a neighbor, James Foley, came out together to look for homesteads. In Ellendale they hired a one armed man named Chose, a locator, to show them where there was land to be had. They got places close together near to a township which had been surveyed. Ed, Tom and John located in Ada township. The McGinnis boys had bunks built along the walls, and a home-made table, a few boxes for chairs and a few dishes as the furnishings for their shanty. In the winter of 1883-1884 the McGinnis boys lived together in one shanty. T.H. McGinnis was the cook and reported that the fare was bread, which he made himself from "Snow Drift" flour, salt pork, potatoes and butter. He bought 2 barrels of salt pork for $28. There was always flour to be had at the stores. The settlers traded wheat for flour, first at Columbia, then at nearer towns as they were established.

The "Homesteaders Stove" was a sheet iron affair that had to be taken outdoors to remove the ashes. It had a lid on top and could give considerable heat as well be used to do the cooking. Twisted hay was used for fuel. Some of the settlers built a bin for the hay near the stove so they could pull it off without getting so much on the floor. They preferred hay to straw as it could be twisted into a rope with less litter.

The raw prairie was hard to break. Some of the settlers used a single team of horses, or a good pair of oxen could draw a breaking plow anywhere. Mr. Peterson used to take his team of horses and do breaking for other settlers. Breaking cost $3.00 an acre, backsetting in the fall was $1.50 to $2.00. On the first crop, which was put in late, the Petersons got 9 bushels to the acre. They paid $1.25 for the seed and sold their crop at 80 cents a bushel. The McGinnis brothers got about a 20 bushel crop. The first threshing in the south part of the township was done by a little horse power machine.

The early times were strenuous, but the settlers made the best of circumstances and stayed to see their township develop.

This township furnished a Representative in the State Legislature in the person of John E. Skoglund. The population of Ada today in 1983 is 90.

WARM MEMORIES OF THE ONE-ROOM SCHOOL

The once-solid foundation of America's educational system- the one-room country school - has passed into oblivion.

Riding on horseback, driving the pony hitched to a buggy or cart, peddling a bike or just using your two little feet down the dusty road to the little one-room schoolhouse is now only a fond memory for the older generation. The accepted mode of transportation for today's rural school children is the big yellow school bus!

We may not have enjoyed all the opportunities offered at today's learning institutions, but we enjoyed some advantages that today's school children will never know.

We were one big family. When playing together, everyone was needed to make a team for a ball game or pom-pom pull-away! Our playground included the fields adjoining the school yard. In spring time recesses were spent climbing trees or hunting gophers, which was a "nature study" in itself. Winter found the students skating on their "Sports Arena" or making snow tunnels

or rooms in the huge snow banks. They were quite cozy when straw was laid on the floors! Sometimes the students didn't hear the bell when recess was over - result, late for class!

Hot lunches were nonexistant. All eyes roamed around the room to check what others had brought from home for lunch, usually carried in a Karo syrup pail. How envious we were when someone else had such exotic goodies as fruit sauce, fresh fruit or cheese when our own pail held a meager sandwich made of homemade bread!

The coal stove stood as a guardian in the schoolroom. It gave warmth to the cold hands after the walk to school or recess time. It's warmth also dried many wet clothes, after someone had fallen through the ice or played in the wet snow.

The water cooler is also a memorable part of the one-room school. The large crock-type container held drinking water carried from a neighboring farm for the students. When the bell rang we waited in line to have a cool, refreshing drink before going to class.

The County Superintendent's visit was a special occasion. She always said she enjoyed "this" school the most - she probably said that at every school she visited! Visiting another school was also a highlight - often called a "Play Day".

The teachers (usually female) who taught these rural schools were truly dedicated people! She often walked a mile or two to the school, or pedaled a bicycle. In winter her first duty was to stoke up the fire so the school room would be warm when the youngsters arrived. Sometimes the teacher lived in the school building. One particular one will be remembered to have a .410 pistol for protection. She was a "jack-of-all-trades"! She had no custodian, nurse, teachers-aide, counselor, librarian, playground supervisor - she was ALL of them! Salaries varied - sometimes $55.00 per month, sometimes $89.10. We owe these dedicated people a large debt for their contribution to our educational system!

So, we have our memories!

ADA SCHOOLS

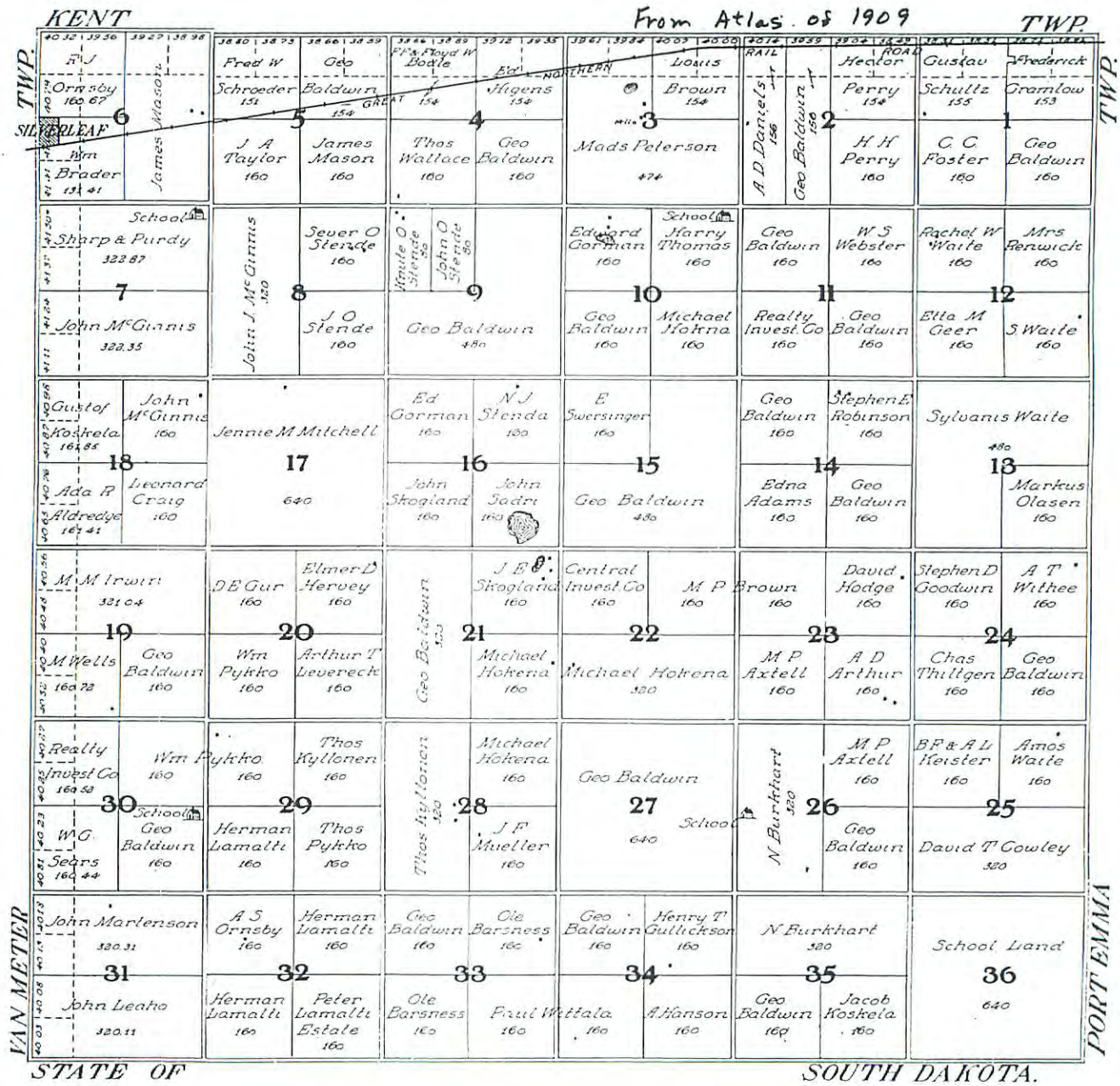
Ada School district had 4 schools. School #1 was built on Section 31. School #2 on section 26 then moved to SW of Section 14 because of the shift in school population, then again in 1932 or 33 it was moved back to section 26. However, a new school building was built then. This is the building that is used as the town hall now. School #3 was built along Highway 11 on the north side of highway SW of Section 2. This school was the first one in the township to be closed, which was in 1932. School #4 was also built along Highway 11, 1 mile south and 1 mile east of Silverleaf NE of Section 7. Ada #1 and Ada #4 also replaced their schools with new buildings in the 30's. In the early years, adults who had come from foreign countries attended school to learn the language. The school term was shorter, 4 to 5 months. Due to reorganization the Ada Schools were closed in 1959, with pupils on the west going to Ellendale and the ones on the east half going to Guelph.

Following is the list of teachers in Ada #1: Nina Reed, Loran Bunker, Mabel Brown, Roy Crowley, W.T. Brown, Aimee Meachen, Eva Ravenstein, Lora White, Sophia Goldberg, Imogene Knight, G. W. Stuart, Fred Welch, Roy E. Godfrey, M. Gustava Hukari, Frank Sumption, E. B. Van meter, Sara Yeager, Florence Horigan, Hilda C. Anderson, Mabel Johnson, Aina Hukari, Rozella St. Ores Wallace, Viola Boyd, Mary Burkhardt, Mrs. LeRoy LeMaster, Orabella Olmstead, Mrs. E. Hokana, Elsie Kalbus, Eva St. Ores, Nina J. Martinson, Millie Weitala, Ruth Kotila, Helen Ernest, Gladys Skoglund, Ida Skoglund, Edna Boss, Agnes Billey, Inez M. Paso, Nina M. Salstrom, Ruth M. Vix, Hulda Ojala, Enright Lematta, Mrs. Isabelle Filbert, Mrs. J. Kilchenmann, Ruth Lematta.

Following is the list of pupils who attended Ada #1: Aliina Anderson, Herman Anderson, Hilda Anderson, William Anderson, John Barsness, Martin Barsness, Bennie Boss, Edna Boss, Edwin Boss, Fred Boss, Mamie Boss, Elizabeth, Fred and Hilda Boussu, Eugene Burlingame, Mary Jo Farley, Clarence Forester, Kenneth Forester, Aili, Arthur, Arvid, Esther, Lillian and Wendla Haapala, George Hall, Stanley Halonen, Bennie Hanhela, Laura Harju, Mamie Harju, Richard Harju, Rudolph Harju, Walter Harju, Alina Hendrickson, Hilja Hendrickson, Dwight Hogue, Charles William Hokana, Delores Hokana, Florence Hokana, Geneva Hokana, Hilda Hokana, Howard Hokana, James Hokana, John Hokana, Joyce Hokana, Luella and Marshall Hokana, Norman Hokana, Rex Hokana, Ruth Hokana, Selma Hokana, Willard and William E. Hokana, George Hooker, Helen Hooker, Jennie Isaacs, Edwin Johnson, John Johnson, Lillian Johnson, Miriam Johnson, Voilet Johnson, Ada Josephson, Charles Josephson, Elmer Josephson, Fred Josephson, Mary Josephson, Hilma Jurmu, Mary Jurmu, Walter Jurmu, John keinzle, Eleanor Korpua, Lila Korpua, Hilda Koskela, William Koskela, Aliina and Emil Kyllonen, Herman Kyllonen, Katherine Kyllonen, Katy Kyllonen, Nestor, Peter, Selma and Walter Kyllonen, John, Wendla and Walter Laho, Arnold Lematta, Benny Lematta, Bobby Lematta, Edward and Enright Lematta, Esther Lematta, Evelyn Lematta, Frances Lematta, Herman Lematta, Marvin Lematta, Lola Lematta, Mabel Lematta, Ruth and Wayne Lematta, Wesley Lematta, Adrian Liimatta, Alice Liimatta, Edward Liimatta, Edwin Liimatta, Emil Liimatta, Ernest Liimatta, Gideon Liimatta, Helen Liimatta, Hilda Liimatta, Joseph Liimatta, Lillian Liimatta, Mary Liimatta, Nine Liimatta, Tina Liimatta, Viola Liimatta, Hilda Martilla, Anna Martinson, Edward Martinson, Elizabeth Martinson, Hilda, John and Jonathan Martinson, Melvin Martinson, Nina and Walter Martinson, Christian, John, Leevi, Lizzie, Louie, Mary and Sandra Nikkila, Charles Niskanen, Hannah Niskanen, Helga, Hulda and Vern Ojala, Jack Ollila, Walter Ollila, Jens Olufson, John Orrinen, Helmi Parkkari, Henry Parkkari, Mary Parkkari, William Parkkari, Ellen, Elmer, Emil, Hillian, Inez and Mary Paso, Anna Pesonen, John Pesonen, Oscar Pesonen, Walter Pesonen, Ernest Pietila, Millie Pietila, Edward Poykko, Harold Poykko, Heimo, Katie, Leino, Martha, Mary, Nina, Olga Poykko, Florence Ranta, Edith Raisanen, Helen Raisanen, Emil Saari, Hilma Saari, John



Township 129 North, Range 61 West of the 5th P. M.



Sarri, Delbert, Irene and Nina Salstrom, Selma Siirtola, Eva St. Ores, Aina Telin, Arthur Telin, August Telin, Evelyn Telin, Henry Telin, Hilma Telin, Lempi Telin, Mabel Telin, Martha Telin, Nestor Telin, William Telin, Helen and Margaret Tuuri, Arnie Wainio, Arlene and Ralph Wallace, Florence Walsworth, Clinton Wells, Esther West, Eva West, Hilda West, Ida West, Lempi West, Levi West, Millie West, Selina West, Oscar West, William West, Mamie Wiire, Wm. Josephson, John Parkkari.

Teachers in Ada #2 from 1897 to 1958: Dollie Axtell, Bessie Higgs, Mrs. R. A. Moore, Oscar Gilbert, Carrie Munch, Mayme Houghes, K. V. Strobele, Rosebell Poirier, Harry A. Wallis, Sara E. Yeager, J. Elizabeth Murray, Edith Kerr, Annie Rowe, Lillian McGinnis, Mary Burkhardt, Clarabelle Tollefson, Valberg O. Laugen, Esther Hokana, Gladys and Esther Skoglund, Neva G. Main, Blanche Nelson, Florence Bostrup, Ruth Billey, Gladys Oliason , Viola Lematta, Alice Skoglund, Helen Dawes, Ethel Skoglund, Monica Klaudt, Mrs. Harold Vansickle, Marion Mock, Voilet Grenz, Marlus Imboden, Mrs. Anna Bauer, Vlasta Stepina, Karen Andersen, Ella Steinwand, Lola Belle Elsen, Mrs. Cleo Eddy, Mrs. Helen Rexinger, Lottie Puffer, Ethelyn Meachen

Pupils who attended Ada #2: Fannie Arthur, Alta Arthur, Hilda Anderson, William Anderson, Selma Hokana, Hilda Hokana, Emil Hokana, Mary Josephson, Emil Sarenpa, Charles Sarenpa, John Sarenpa, Helma Sarenpa, Ada Josephson, Hilma Josephson, Herman Anderson, Hilda, Lizzie and Fred Boussu, Hilda Josephson, Jacob Parvey, Paul Parvey, William Hokana, Fred Josephson, John Hokana, Hilma Saari, Elmer Saari, Willie Saari, Nannie Arthur, Robbie Arthur, Bertha Green, Edith Green, John Parvey, Mary Parvey, Emil Saari, Olga Hokana, Elmer Weitala, Mary Withee, Dave Barnard, Frankie Barnard, Hazel Withee, Zola Hassell, Ray Barnard, Edwin Weitala, Matt Yula, Jala Hassell, Verna Hassell, Nina Saari, Aino Pesonen, Reabert Weitala, Herman Kaureinen, Laura, Tilda, Anna and Melvin Midtgard, Mary, Agnes, Thomas and Peter Burkhardt, Milla Weitala, Jennie Midtgard, Jens Olufson, Gladys Skoglund, Frank Arthur, Ida Skoglund, Melita, Sadie and Arvo Saari, Art West, Eino Saari, Hilja Frantti, Hodge Hodges, John Skoglund, Florence Kreger, Raymond Kreger, Arnie Wainio, Clifford and Ida Skoglund, Norman Perlenfein, Clarence and Edwin Sand, Ethel Skoglund, Hazel Aho, Alvin Sand, Glenn and Ada Miller, Gladys, Maynard and Thelma Oliason, Hveding Erickson, Dorothy Sand, Robert and Florence Aho, Lawrence Sand, LeRoy Abramson, Bernice Berntson, Jalmer and Katherine Weitala, Karl Sand, Ruby, Virgil, and Henry Dennis, John Kienzle, Marshall Hendrickson, Richard Hukki, Leo Hukki, Mayme Aho, Norman Hendrickson, Esther Hendrickson, Norman Hokana, Melba Korpua, Eleanor Weitala, Marjorie, Willard and William Hokana, William Sand, Florence Hokana, Milton Weitala, Wilbert Anderson, Mildred Weitala, Alice Hendrickson, Roger Burkhardt, Delores Hokana, Norma Hokana, Myrtle Weitala, Martha and Mayme Aho, Royal Berntson, Wilma Burkhardt, Robert Koskela, Luverne Aho, Ruth Hokana, James Koskela, Carroll Waite, Delbert Weitala, Mae Weitala, Arlene Provost, Evelyn Burkhardt, Franklin Hokana, Martha and Verna Youley, Leonard Aho, Maynard Weitala, Eugene and Luverne Burlingame, Betty Wetzler, Paul and Doyle Burkhardt, Gladys and Betty Hokana, Millie Weitala, Marvin Bauer, Mary Bauer, Shirley Bauer, Jason Pederson, Colin Burkhardt, Victor, Dianne, and Lois Youle, Ronald Provost, Darrell, Harold and Ronald Kemnitz, Richard and Robert Kyllonen, Sandra Gerney, Sheryl Hokana, Eve Ann Moore, Vaino Youle, Warren Hokana, Barbara Lamb, Joetta Hokana, Fred Moore, Holly Holmes, Glenda Hokana, Larry Salo, Jerry Holmes, Judy Salo, Raymond and Richard Pederson, Charles Saari, Hilma Weitala, Lillie Bousu, Katie Bousu, John Saari, Dolores and Melvin Provost, James and Luella Hokana.

Teachers in Ada #3: Frances Mallory, Nina Reed, Bessie Higgs, Dollie Axtell, Iza Martin, Mrs. Moore, Imogene Knight, Pearl Rutter, Rosenkrans, Roy Godfrey, J.J. Bell, Laura Barnes, Alta Guernsey, Cecile Smith, Frances Puheus, E. Maude Barnes, Mary Smith, Olive Hohlwegler, Jane Hatfield, Agnes O. Johansen, Clara M. Pederson, Anna Walter, Rozella Wallace, Esther Hogana, Nellie Tobin, Impi Mikkonen, Freda Higgs, Lillian McGinnis, Evelyn Werden.

Pupils who attended Ada #3: Herschel Alexander, Eldora Anderson, Alta Arthur, Nannie Arthur, Robbie Arthur, Earl Barton, Florence Barton, Milo Barton, Myrtle Barton, Hazel Beecher, May Beecher, Roy Beecher, Verne Beecher, Harold and Lester Begin, Jennie Cannin Verne Beecher, Harold and Lester Begin, Jennie Canning, Violet Canning, Chris and Lizzie Christenson, Nellie Cowley, Georgie Coyle, Morton Dales, Anna and Mae Edwards, Wilbert Erickson, Oliver Faucett, Raymond Fish, Frank Glass, David, Frank, Ethel, Lula, Mabel, and Roger Gorman, Donald Gregory, Florence Groat, Luther and Maud Harvey, Ada and Mannie Higgs, John and Rachel Hill, Florence Hillman, Anna and George Hove, Agnes Kingsley, Hilda, John Felix and Selma Koskela, Edna Kyllonen, Marion and Robert Lockwood, Ervin, Robert and Roy Mallon, Edna, Iza, and Roy Martin, Llewellyn McCarty, Anna McGinnis, Charles, Donald and Edward McGinnis, Hazel McGinnis, Helen and Lillian McGinnis, Clyde, James and Vernon Moore, Aina, Clendon, Erva, Kenneth and Ruth Morris, Arthur and Willie Mullin, Denver, Jerald, Rosella and Walter Munson, Hugh Norton, Ardys, Mildred, and Norman Perlenfein, Charles, Edward, John, Hilma, Katie and Lizzie Poykko, Edna Rudd, Felix, Hilma, and Selma Siirtola, Katie Slinker, Andrew Stende, Albert, Ida, Mary and Mildred Stende, Frank and Lizzie Tode, Floyd and Hazel Tompson, Stephan Uream, Lucille and Roderick Von Eschen, Lillian Waite, Clendon, Mary, Maylon, Roy, and Walden Waite, Violet and Wilfred Waite, Arylene Wallace, Donald Wallace, Josie and Johnny Wallace, Mary and Reese Wallace, Maybelle Werden, Hazel and Mary Withee.

Teachers in Ada #4: Edith Sones, Grace Van Meter, A.G. Campbell, Hilda Anderson, Elizabeth Adams, Edith Jones, Rhayme Mitchell, Gustava Hukari, F.J. Bell, James S. Lane, Myrtle A. Drake, Edith Knight, Mollie Crowley, Ina M. Jones, Aimee R. Meachen, Margaret Albright, George Ent, Edyth Harris, Alita St. Ores, Macquerite Wyckoff, E.B. Knutsener, Paul W. Westlund, Clara Thulvoldt, Millie Hokana, A. Hermansen, A.R. Hoskins, Beulah Phillips, Blanche Nelson, Mrs. Rozella Wallace, Mrs. Milton Wilson, Lucy Warnick, Mrs. John Van Sickle, Nina M. Salstrom, Clifford Skoglund, Anna Mae Van Middlesworth, Esther Ravenstein, Faith Combellick,

Dorothy Holmberg, Marion Durheim, Ellie Peyton, Karen Anderson, Dolores Provost, Theresa Begin, Glenna Mattheis, Mrs. Adeline Knopp, Mable Edwards, Margaret Edwards, Mable Brown.

Pupils in Ada #4: Tillie Albert, Katie and George Coyle, Lester and Carl Meek, Lillie McGinnis, Lizzie Trimmer, Mary Wallace, James Wallace, Lulu Ward, John and Josie Wallace, Minnie Trimmer, Willie Wallace, Anna McGinnis, Frances Wallace, Ella Kittridge, Grace Coyle, Dickie Gamble, Georgia Higgins, Jimmy Wallace, Charlie Loll, Willie Gamble,Rosa Kleesphies, John and Mary Kleesphies, John and Fred Shock, Benny Kleesphies, Hazel Thompson, Hillia Bousou, Rosa and Carl Hoops, Norman and Ray Hoops, Andrew Stende, Mabel, David, and Ethel Gorman, Lilia Murray, Margaret Kelly, Beatrice Kuley, John McGinnis, Theresa Wilson, Nels Tojo, Josie Waite, Lillian Babcock, Robert Dinsmore, Roy Hatfield, Katie and William Koskela, Dorothy McGinnis, Oscar and Theodore Stende, Marie and Leonard Yuhl, Harry Babcock, Lawrence Hagen, Lester Begin, Violet Koskela, Eva and Myrtle Hagen, Gordon Holsinger, Arthur Koskela, Anna Morris, Marion McGinnis, Andrew Yuhl, Herbert Dawson, Etta Newel, Clenson and Ruth Morris, Freda Higgs, Dagmar Koskela, Fred Yuhl, Eva Wilson, Harold Begin, Myrtle Hagen, John Koskela, Opal and Leo Durand, Lillian McGinnis, Aby, Leonard, and Ruth Fromdahl, Leonard, Ruth, and Roland Hagen, Thomas McGinnis, Leona Minton, Margie and Nora Strand, Max Hagen, Marion Hossinger, Frances Reed, Oliver Durand, Wilma Hossinger, Myrtle Fromdahl, Earl, Lloyd and Raymond Stevens, Norman Schumaker, Arylene and Ralph Wallace, Lila and Leonard Vasvick, Donnie and Margie Hagen, Bernard Fromdahl, Ella and Evelyn Strand, Agnes Kingsley, Ernest, Evert, Florence and Mildred Maunu, Albert, Ida, Mary, and Mildred Stende, Margaret and Vernon McDonald, Anna Wilson, Eldora and Vernon Whitney, Eugene, Lewis, John, Victor, and William Pritchard, Agnes Kingsley, Vivian Koskela, Bobby and Ervin Mallon, Charles McGinnis, Mildred and Russell Perlenfein, Wilbert Erickson, LeRoy Kyllonen, Myrna Wallace, Ernest West, LeRoy McKibben, Betty Hagen, Geraldine White, Patricia Yuhl, Vivian West, Kenneth and Keith Pierce, Larry Hagen, Nelson Smith, Bobby Higgs, Norman West, Edward Telin, Franklin, Harley, Loy, and Lyle Heitman, Vonnie, Betty, and Kenneth Mueller, Merle Higgs, Sally Mueller, Jimmy Bensley, Clinton, Esther, Jimmie, Leslie, Leona and Stanley Hoffman, Gerald Morlock, Jim White, Jr., Carol Pomplun, John Higgs, Leland Morlock, Karen Pomplun, Gary White, Darles Hoffman, Donald Hill, Wm. Pahl, Cyndra Lanz, John Moore, Eva and Guy Martin, Lillie McGinnis.

APOSTOLIC LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Stateline Apostolic Lutheran Church was built in 1953 on 2 acres of land (southwest corner of S.W. ¼ section 35-129-61) given by Mr. and Mrs. Allen Weitala, Sept. 16, 1952. This church is 5 miles south and 3 miles west of Guelph along the state line between North Dakota and South Dakota. The building was dedicated April 25, 1954. Reverend Werner Visto serves as the pastor of the church. Frequently traveling ministers come and have services.



Apostolic Lutheran Church (New Church)

The early pioneer Finnish families who had come in 1882-83 felt the need for Divine guidance so held worship services in their homes, many of these being simple sod shanties. Scarcity of space in the homes led them in a mutual agreement that a church building was needed. Matt Hanhella volunteered to give 10 acres of his land to be used for church and cemetery with the agreement that in return the members would plow 50 acres of his land. Forty men with oxen or horses hitched to plows responded and plowed the 50 acres in one day.

The foundation for the church was laid June 3, 1884. The necessary material and labor were by contribution and by June 7, 1884, this Finnish Lutheran Church was in sufficient form to enable the people to hold a worship service. The congregation was legally organized in 1887. This church was located in Savo township in South Dakota.

On Sunday people traveled great distances to attend worship services, some coming on foot, others by horse and wagon. Some made 2-wheeled carts and hitched oxen to them and even a hay rake was sometimes used for transportation.

This church was used for 70 years and was disbanded when the Stateline Church was built. With the passage of time the Old Apostolic Lutheran Church was in need of repair. A group of Finnish people organized as the Pioneer Church Restoration Association with the purpose of restoring the church as a Memorial to the Finnish Christian Pioneers who built it in 1884. Work was begun Oct. 1972 and completed in 1973.



Old Apostolic Lutheran Church (Old Church)

HUDSON SCHOOLS

Usually there were several schools in a township, 4 or 5 miles apart. According to the records I have obtained one school called the Kunrath School, Hudson #4, was located 3 miles north and 1 mile east of Guelph on section 16-130-60. Another school called the Stan Baker School was located SE ¼ of Section 27-130-60 and another in the northeast corner of the township. These were usually located close to a farmstead. The teacher would probably board there especially in inclement weather. The price for room and board was usually $15 to $20 a month.

Each school had a barn on the school yard to house the horse or horses driven by the children or teacher. It was also a good place to hide when playing Hide and Seek, one of the more popular games of that time.

In an item taken from the **Dickey County Leader** of 1919 states, "The barn burned at School #4 as the children with the help of their teacher, Agnes Wold, were cleaning up the school ground by burning off an area of weeds. The fire got away and burned the barn before help arrived."

The first teacher in Hudson #1 was Ben Gibson in 1897-98. He was followed with Clara Peterson in 1898-1901. Students in those years were: Bessie, Mary, Lydia, Ivy, Abe, and John Morgan, Jay, Jessie, and Florence Wilder, Stella Stoddard, Joseph Meyers, Hubert Slater, Henry and George Lund, Robert, Monica, Edwin and Delia Munch.

The teacher in 1901-02 was Alta Bryan. She was followed in 1902-03 with Emma M. Van Hour. The pupils of those years were: Benjamin and Wilbur Bryan, Ivy, Monte, Golda, Edwin and Robert Munch, Stella Stoddard and Emma Albertson.

In 1904-05 the teacher was Irving H. Van Horn; 1905-06, Mabel Kennedy; 1906-07, Dorcas Farrington; 1907-08, Rachel Munch. Pupils attending during those years were Francis and Joseph Willet, Jack Bossart, Ruth and Mamie Fitzgerald, Willie Unterseher, Grace, Deani and Joseph Frey, Edna and Tiffie Gemar, George, Henry and Tillie Lund and Edwin Munch.

No records were found for 1907 to 1915. In 1916 - 17 Gertrude Zieman taught here; 1917-18, Myrtle Ferrel; 1918-19, Gertrude Zieman; 1919-20, Marie Gronbeck. Pupils during these years were: Burl and Allison Denning, Ivan Shafer, Marguerite, Grace, Arthur and Wes Spear, Livonia De For, Muriel and Merle McKenize, Lucille Davidson and Joe Shauder.

No records for 1920-23. In 1923-24 Hildur M. Johnson taught here; 1924-25, Bethel B. Hill; 1925-26, Pearl L. Arndt; 1926-27, Mrs. Harold Zieman; 1927-28, Lillian Kunrath. Students who attended those years were: John, Ben, Helen, May, and Tiovo Hill, Lorraine and John Lund, Signe, Orlin, and Goldie Larson, Irma and Mavis Leigh, Cecilia Stejskal, Lawrence and Wesley Spear, Dorothy Cotton, Viola and Cecilia Wilberts, Cloyd, Lois and Clifford Rollo.

The teacher for 1928-29 was Elma Munch; 1929-30, Mary Jane Savage; 1930-31, Rorna Larson; 1931-32, Ellen Koch. The pupils were: Doris, Margery, Lloyd, Vivian, Joyce and Grace Perlenfein, Cecilia, Christine, and Viola Wilberts, Inez, John and Lorraine Lund, Alice, Louella, Dorothy, and Harold Gemar, Walter, Clifford and Lois Rollo, Goldie and Orlin Larson, Irma and Mavis Leigh. Miss Savage had 21 pupils and Ellen Koch, 22 pupils.

1932-34 James Savage was the teacher; 1935-36 (6 pupils) Elsie Anhorn; 1936-37, Nyla Brown; 1937-38, LaVerne Robins; 1938-40, Ethel Gemar. Pupils during these years were: Mary, Richard, Tommy, Danny and Walter Rollo, William Lund, Helen and Joyce Perlenfein, and Henry Wilberts. 1940 was the last year for school in the Hudson #1.



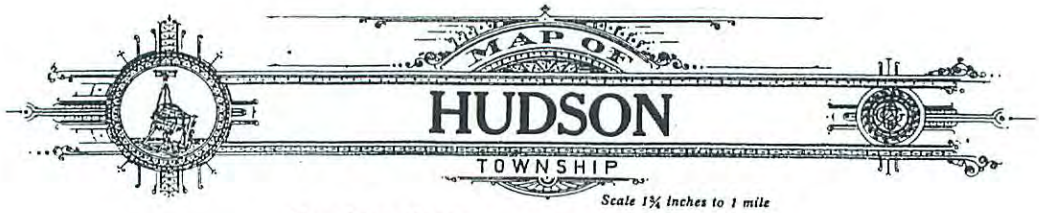
Hudson School Number 3 - Left to right. Pauline (Maddock) Wheeless, Alta (Maddock) Ammerman, Florence Kreiger, Harold Maddock (back row), Genevieve (Madock) Vie, Wallace Maddock, Raymond Kreiger, (not certain of first name), Theta (Maddock) Jensen, Edna Kyllonen, Winnie (Wagner) Norton. Teacher. The first schools in the county were of this type. There was no basement. When they were replaced in the '30's, a square structure with a basement in which was placed a furnace.

The first teacher in Hudson #3 was Editha M. Sones, 1898-99. She was followed with Nellie Morgan in 1899-1900; Anna Higgs in 1900-01; Mrs. E.R. Kennedy and Lillie Denning in 1901-02; A.M. Clark in 1902-03; L. Leola Wilkins in 1903-04. Pupils during those years were: Katie Kendall, Bert E. Bowen, Marian Rorapaugh, Nina, Matilda and Cecil Faucett, Jennie, Richard, and Eddie Waist, Emma, Tina, Laura, Florence and Ella Kohnke, Pearl and Maude Tyrrell, Freddie Rowe, Millie and Herman Iverson, Robert and Marion Lockwood, Fred Law, Arthur and Bennie Koskinni.

In 1904-05 the teacher was Ethel Odell; 1905-06, Gertrude R. Mitchell; 1906-07, Gertrude Puffer. Pupils attending those years were: Nina, Mathilda and Cecil Faucett, Robert, Marion and Mabel Lockwood, Reece Bartlett, George, Cornelia and Kathy Kercher, Jacob, Lydia, Fred and Harold Zimbleman, John and Obba Bruns.

1908-09 the teacher was Genevieve Waiste; 1909-10, Gena Courtney, 1910-12, Gertrude Puffer; 1912-15, Genevieve Waiste; 1915-16, Winnie Wagner. The pupils for these years were: Charley and Eimel Splitt, Arthur, Edward, Elmer, Nina, and Richard Waiste, Helen, Harley, and Clifford Cotton, Bertha Zimbelman, Betty Aho, Warren, Everett, and Genevieve Courtney, Opal and Leona Ferrel, Edward, Myrtle, and Bruce Gruhlke, Genevieve, Harold, Pauline, and Wallace Maddock, Helen Harden, Theta Maddock, John and Regina Brennan, Florence and Raymond Kreiger, Edna Kyllonen, Alta Maddock and Valti Rayl.

1916-17 the teacher was Edna Hatfield; 1918-19, Winnifred Way; 1919-20, Anna Cassgrove. The pupils



Scale 1¾ inches to 1 mile

Part of Twp. 130 North, Ranges 59 & 60 West of the 5th P. M.

CLEMENT R 60 W. From Atlas of 1909 TWP. R59W

L Freytag 308 38 — 6 — G Adam 160

George Baldwin 324 13 — 5 — James Cavanaugh 163 99 — Jacob Kelley 160

A L Sawyer 163 91 — 4 — Geo Boehn 160 — Jane Cloud 322 79

Geo Baldwin 326 78 — 3 — H A Tobie 320

L Techon 163 15 — Jas A Farrand 163 35 — 2 — John Lund 160 — Simon C Dow 160

Seth C Farrington 322 59 — 1 — T W Millham 160 67 — John Kunran 120 — Sch'n Hahn

T W Millham 153 — 6 — E M Ladd 160

TWP.

McCarthy Baldwin Elliot — 465 77 — 7 — Geo Baldwin

Peter Kunrath 320 — Geo Kunrath 160 — 8 — Mary A Murray 160

Ignatz Hont 320 — 9 — Elizabeth Patterson 320

Corn'l Griffin 160 — Walter Steppney 160 — 10 — Elizabeth Patterson 320

Rich'd Gurrens 160 — Elgin 160 — 11 — C H Cots 320

Weston 160 — C C Dick 160 — 12 — D F Martison — Jos A Morgan 160

Henry Kunrath 305 63 — 18 — Nils Carlson 145 65 — Peter Kunrath 160

480 — Mary A Murray 160 — 17 — Edward Murray

640 — School — 16 — E L Patterson

E L Patterson 320 — 15 — Dora Wahsner 160 — Lee O Beard 160

A L Morgan 160 — C E Hotch 160 — 14 — Lee O Beard 150 — John Kendall 160

C E Hotch 160 — 13 — Wm Kendall 120

J W Milles 145 95 — Peter Kunrath 160 — 19 — Martha Clauson 145 47 — Henry Kunrath 160

Edw Murray 160 — 480 — 20 — Richd Murray

BB Hall Land Co 160 — Mary A Murray 160 — 21 — John Maddix 160 — J F Lewis 160

Geo Baldwin 160 — Ernest Wahsner 160 — 22 — Peter Clausen 160 — Carrol S Dempsey 160

Mary O Cotten 320 — John Kendall Sr 160 — 23 — Charles S Brown 160

H P Lowe 80 — 24

RIVER

E P & J W Bodle 147 17 — L N Puffer 160 — 30 — M H Puffer 148 09 — Mary E Montgomery 160

J B Northen 160 — F W McConnell 160 — 29 — F J Courtney 160 — J F Lewis 160

Bertha Hoffin 160 — L C Maddix 160 — 28 — Jas Mehan 160 — L C Maddix 160

W J Moore 160 — Geo Baldwin 160 — 27 — Victor Schneider 160 — Mattes Pacykowski 160

Frank Sellers 160 — School — C H Baleman 160 — 26 — Mattes Pacykowski 160 — Saul 160

Chas S Brown 160 — 25 — Waelsle 150

Truman Thacher 146 82 — Geo Baldwin 160 — 31 — T H Thacher 149 64 — M H Puffer 160

H N Williamson 160 — Sidney L Mc Intyre 160 — 32 — C A Newman 119 — Addie J Schlegel 160

Jas M Ryan 160 — Geo Baldwin 160 — 33 — John Beaty 160 — D A Baker 160

W O Cook 160 — J P Ernster 160 — 34 — S J & C S Baker 160 — D W Holbrook 160

S J & C S Baker 320 — Saul 160 — 35 — Edw Bloomquist 154

Waelsle 160 — 36 — F H Sellers 154

JAMES

RIVERDALE

GUELPH 160 — School

Port Emma Station — GREAT NORTHERN R R

PORT EMMA TWP.

were: Edna Kyllonen, Frank Townsend, Dana and Mae Palmer, Donald, Georgia and Theta Maddock, Florence Brown, Teena, Rynhold and Robert Frederick, George, Lawrence and Josephine German, Dorothy Cotten, Ethel Baker an Sulo Ahola.

No records for 1920-22. In 1922-23 Gertrude Linvill was the teacher; 1923-25, Pauline Maddock; 1925-26, Grace Spear; 1926-27, Grace Doggett; 1927-28, Cecilia Kelly. Pupils for these years were: Cecilia, Florence, Agnes, and Francis Kelly, Georgia, Donald, Kenneth, and Kenton Waddock, Ethel Baker, Leo, Frank, George Bernard and Lawrence German, Irene Cotten, Muriel Mangin, and Sylvester Way.

1928-30 Theta Maddock was the teacher; 1930-31, Ellen Moore; 1931-32, Ellen Koch, 1932-34, Lottie Puffer; 1934-36, Ethel Baker. Pupils these years were: Ruth, Bill and Kenneth Baker, Francis Kelly, Georgia, Vivian, Kenton and Kenneth Maddock, Leo, Ben, Ed Jerome and Lucille German, Jean Stein, Bernice Sandberg, Gordon Wentzel, Peter Bergstrom, Dorothy, Frances, Mary, and Howard Royce, Lowell and Ernest Barsten.

1936 was the last year this school was in operation. There were 5 pupils. The building was then moved to the Matt German home, now owned by his grandson, Gerald German, and was used as a summer kitchen, dance hall and whatever when an extra room was needed. It has since been converted into a shop and garage at this home.

The first teacher in Hudson #4 was Mollie Sheridan in 1898; Catherine King in 1899; Chas. C. Ladd in 1900; U.T. Brown in 1901; Lottie Puffer and Carrie Munch in 1902. Pupils were: Meta Gripp, Rose, Johnny, and Caroline Kunrath, Gusta, George and Peter Peterson, Herbie, Clifford, Howard, Harry, and Sadie Slater, Virgil and Leonard Ellsworth, Donnie and Harold Bartlett, Minnie, Clara, and Edith Wahsner, Ella and Laura Kohnke, Edna, Wilbur and Ben Bryan, Ray Edwards, and Caroline Kunrath.

In 1903 the teacher was Leta Merrifield; 1904, Iva M. Angell; 1905, Nellie Puffer; 1906, Grace Crocker; 1907, Emmet Sullivan; 1908, Emily Ulness; 1909, Grace Withee. Pupils attending during these years were: Gertrude, Hannah and John Tollefsen, Annie, Julius, Ignatz and Martha Honl, Beth and Wilbur Bryan, Arthur, Caroline, Johnnie, Rosa, and Willie Kunrath, Peter Peterson, Alma, Ed, Ferd, Freda, Gustavus, and John Perlenfein, Edith Wahsner, Jake Bozzart, and Tillie Lund.

In 1910 Genevieve Waiste was the teacher; 1911 no record; 1912, Rosalind; 1913, Grace Ryon; 1914, Mary E. Smith; 1915 no record; 1916-17, Viola Fladager; 1917-18, Ethel M. Hyatt; 1918-19, Agnes Wold; 1919-20, Eva Featherstone. Pupils were: Lorenzo, Cecil, Lucy and Chauncy Snow, Leona Maddock, Cora, James and Harvey Gallagher, Ruth Bryan, Mathilda Lund, Augusta Honl, Margaret and Beatrice Kelly, Wilma and Alta Maddock, Donald McPherson, Paul, Joe, and Viola Huffmeister, Valta, Ruth, Irene, and Helen Rayl, Sigvard and Olaf Kvigne, Bruce and Edward Gruhlke, Lillie Kunrath, David Gallagher, Barney, Markus and Agnes Honl, Genevieve, Mabel, Grace and Luella Grandadam, and John Rowe.

1922-23 Myrtle Christianson was the teacher; 1924-25, Freda De Lane; 1925-28, Theta Maddock; 1928-32, Cecilia Kelly. The pupils were: Gerald and Frank Jackson, Walter, Ernest and Harvey Burrow, Stella Gruhlke, Willard and Ruth Baughman, Margery, Lloyd and Vivian Perlenfein, Lawrence and Rose Alkofer, Clarence Kunrath, Lucille, Bertha and Edwin Kelly, Harry Scheffert, Esther, Lempi and Leonard Nickila, Audrey and Ivan Demmitt, Verna Forward, and Eileen Haupt.

1932-34 Lucille Von Eschen was the teacher; 1934-35, Ann Tobin; 1935-38, Wilma Stearns; 1938-40, Mathilda Hayenga; 1940-42, Thelma Young. The pupils were: Jessie Baughman, Lorraine, Doris, And Arlene Kunrath, Genevieve and Gerald Yeager, Robert and Allen G. Forward, Vernon Courtney, Marilyn and Eugene Haupt, Leland and Lila Alden, Ilene, Margaret and Harold Henninger, Raymond Alkofer, Clarence, Roy, Paul, and Walter Quandt, Donald Swanson, Donald, John, Betty and Verna Kullnatt, Leona and Helen Volkers, Howard Royce, Apollonia, Paul, Peter and Thomas Steiner, James Maddock, Kenneth Benson, and Darwin Kunrath.

1942-44 the teacher was Lila M. Nord; 1944-45, Elsie Wattula; 1945-46, William Krause; 1946-47, Karen Andersen; 1947-48, Mary Glant. Pupils were: Helen, Mark, and Melvin Braun, Alice Kelly, Robert, Gary and James Maddock, Dale Hatfield, Louise, Roy and Clarence Quandt, Delores and Loretta Otterstetter.

The last year for school in Hudson #4 was 1948. The following pupils were enrolled in grades as listed: First grade--Phyliss Ann Bellon, Raymond Braun, Delbert Otterstetter and Herman Volkers. Second grade--Gary Maddock; Third grade--Louise Quandt and Deloris Otterstetter; Fourth grade--Robert Maddock, Loretta Otterstetter; Sixth grade--Melvin Braun; Seventh grade-- Kenneth Benson, Mark Braun, Darwin Kunrath and Roy Quandt; Eighth grade--James Maddock.

The school building was then sold to Walt Beck in 1949 and moved to where the Beck's live and remodeled into a very comfortable home.

FIRST SETTLERS OF PORT EMMA TOWNSHIP

(Taken from Dickey Co. History, **Ludden Times, Port Emma Times** and the **Oakes Rebulican**)

The announcement of free land to be had, reached many people. The Finnish people found out through their paper published in Calumet, Michigan. In 1882 Erik Pikkaraisen was sent out to spy out the land. He marked a home for himself near Frederick, Dakota, and reported his findings. As a result of this publicity a number of people came out in 1883, and a steady stream came from Calumet, Michigan; Ashtabula Harbor, Ohio; Erie, Pennsylvania; Fitchburg and Lanesville, Massachusetts; and a few from Ishpeming, Michigan.

A number of settlers became discouraged the first year and left for other parts. Later some of them returned. The Finns for the most part remained and passed through the hardships of pioneering. William

Wattula, Jerry Erickson and John Korpua were among the first settlers. Wattula and Erickson found the land out of Frederick taken up, so they came up to Eaton and crossed the James by boat to find land on the east side. Mr. Wattula got a neighbor woman, Mrs. Pietella, to do some baking for him, borrowed a coffee pot and by the help of the little sheet iron stove that was in his shanty when he bought it, he managed to live. With these limited accommodations his place was known for its hospitality. The visiting ministers who came along that first summer used to stop with him, and he says he would fill them with bread and coffee and ducks' eggs which he found in nests along the sloughs and the river banks. Mr. Wattula did quite a lot of fishing in Hedge Lake which was a big slough east of the James a mile or two. He would cut holes in the ice in the winter and spread his nets and get a sack full every night of pickerel and bull-heads.

Mr. Erickson had very little on which to live that first winter. He bought an ox. Mr. Korpua had an ox and Mr. Wattula had one and Mr. Erickson by getting the second ox could work by himself or by doubling up with his neighbors they could make a team of four oxen for the breaking of sod. With a twelve inch breaker they plowed seven acres for Mr. Wattula, seven acres for Mr. Korpua and fourteen for Mr. Erickson. A few had some crop the first year, Mr. Pyokko raised some good corn. They did not work up the land for corn planting but chopped holes in the sod and dropped the seed in. It made big corn, ten feet tall. Most of the cropping that first year was some oats, which was cut by a scythe for feed, and the slough grass hay, of which there was an abundance. Cattle were not considered profitable in those early days, and horses were liked better.

To economize, the Matt Johnson family moved in with the Pyokko family, and Mr. Johnson took care of the families and the stock while Mr. Pyokko went back to Michigan to work to earn something to support the families. It was a tough winter with lots of snow and cold weather. They burned twisted hay, but it was not hard to keep warm as they had banked the outside of the house with sod, and even had one layer on the roof. Two of the neighbor families were left that winter while the men went to Canada to find work, the two women and children staying in one of the shanties. They had two cows and the women made butter and took it to market, going on foot and bringing back their groceries. The women even carried out fifty pound sacks of flour in that way through the snow. Mr. Pyokko had dug for water in the summer, making a hole sixty feet deep, the mother and son helping, but they got no water and had to depend upon the seepings into the slough well for water that cold winter. Those on the east side of the James were more fortunate in finding water, as a good well could be found there almost anywhere.

Daniel Cowley was one of the first settlers of Port Emma Township. He came up into southern Dickey County and squatted on the northwest quarter of section 30-129-60. He made his filing as soon as the land was surveyed and came onto the market. He put up a shanty 10 by 12 feet on his claim before he went back to Wisconsin in November of 1883. He came back in the spring of 1884 and hired out to a man in Brown County for the summer. Mr. Cowley would work through the week then come up to his claim on Saturday afternoon and stay over night; then walk back on Sunday afternoon to be ready for work. He tried to grow trees for a tree claim but had repeated failures. When he went to prove up he took witnesses who could testify that he had done his best to raise trees and he secured his claim.

For the winters of 1883 and 1884, Mr. Cowley went back to Wisconsin, and in March 1884, he was married and brought his new wife to the claim. He had told his neighbors that he was going to bring a wife, so these neighbors arranged that Dave Barnard should meet the Cowleys at Ellendale and take them out to his claim until their goods could be brought out. Mr. Cowley had gone in with another man and loaded a car of emigrant goods and had them shipped to Ellendale. He had left fifty sacks of oats and some seed flax piled up in the shanty so that he could lock it up while he was away. One of the first days when the men were gone to Ellendale, after their arrival in Dakota, Mrs. Cowley went over to look at the place. She arranged to have the grain moved out to the straw barn, and then she and Mrs. Barnard cleaned out the shanty and fixed it up to live in. Mr. Cowley did not know about this, and when Mrs. Cowley proposed going over there the next Sunday to stay, he was not pleased at the prospect of a Sunday's work moving out the grain. However, they went over and found everything ready for living there. The barn which they had at that time was a straw stack threshed over a frame, but it was warm and comfortable. That spring this barn caught fire when no one was at home and was a total loss with all his feed and seed grain. The cow had been picketed out on the grass and most of the hens were out also.

Rev. N.D. Witham came to this country June 23, 1883 from Beddeford, Maine and located on the S.E. ¼-8-129-60. His house was the largest to be seen at that early date, being 16 by 24 feet with an upper story. Rev. Witham possessed a notedly fine farm. In 1884, he advertised as a grower and dealer in nursery trees, vines, and shrubbery, yellow transparent apples, the largest variety of Russian apples, also roses and grapevines. He was a good preacher but sometimes eccentric in character, and sometimes was made the subject of a harmless joke. One Sunday as he was on his way to Guelph to keep an appointment, he passed near some decoy ducks, put in a marshy place by some mischievous boys; but of course the good man went after them and got his team mired in the soft mud and had to leave it and go for help, thus making him late to church. The team, by the way, was as peculiar as the owner and consisted of a large horse and a very small mule. Mr. Witham was a populist by political faith and on week days during political seasons, he would stump the county dressed in overalls and a short checked jacket announcing that he was just a "plain farmer."

The first Episcopal service was held on the homesteads. A minister walked out from Guelph, where he left the train, and baptized the children. This was about 1903. After that a missionary of the Episcopal church came at intervals and held services in the school house or in some of the homes. Reverend Mr. Martyr the traveling missionary came quite regularly. In May, 1919, they had a meeting at the school house with Bishop Tyler present. They discussed the possibility of building a church and it was decided to build. A

committee of seven was appointed by the Bishop and a site was bought on the southwest quarter of Section thirty. In June they started the building and it was completed in the fall. A good congregation was included in its membership and it has flourished.

PORT EMMA SCHOOL #1

This school was located on section #2-129-60 along highway 11 two miles west of Ludden, N.D. The new building was completed in the fall of 1923. It replaced the older building which was destroyed in the cyclone of 1921. Nola Mae Doggett taught the first year (1923-24) in the new school. Pupils who attended that year were: Ethel Baker, Leo, Frank, Bernard, Lawrence, and George German, Gene Olufson, Maurice Baldwin, Doris Young, John Montgomery, Maralee Voightman, Eino, Arvo, Rudolph and Fred Hendrickson. Neola Doggett taught the next 2 terms 1924-26; in 1926-27 Nellie Hogana was the teacher; 1927-28, Mrs. Irene Harr and 1928-29 Ida Pflugrath.

Following are the pupils for the 1928-29 school year: Harold and Leslie Baker, May Cheseboro, John Montgomery, Gene, Inez, and Leslie Olufson, Fredetta, Lovice, and Maralee Voightman, Doris, Florence, and Thelma Young, Bernard, Jerome, Lucille, Edward German, Harry Scheffert, Bernhart and Carl Haapala, Bernhart and Theodor Haikkela.

Ida Pflugrath also taught the year of 1929-30; Nellie C. Cooley taught 2 terms 1930-32; and Lucy Warnick 1932-33; Thelma Haug, 1933-34.

Following are the pupils for the 1933-34 school term: Mathias, Eugene, Edward and Lucile German, Esther and Elsie Wattula, Martha and Verna Youley, Raymond, Elmer, Leslie Olufson, Walter, Esther, Lempi Nikkila, Lila Youley, Roy Haikkela, Carl Haapala, Lennart Nickila, Leslie Baker, Helen Law, and Florence Young.

1934-35 the teacher was Alice L. Willey. The next two terms 1935-36 Agnes Billey was the teacher. 1937-38 Natalia Billey was the teacher. 1938-39 it was Henrietta De Krey.

Following are the pupils for 1938-39 school term: Louis and Mathias German, Jerry, Michael, Nairn, and Rodney Hermanson, Dora and Evelyn Telin, Ellen and Esther Wattula, Lila, Martha, and Verna Youley, and Helen Braun.

1939-40 the teacher was Cora J. Lawrence; the next 2 terms 1940-42 Ethel Barnes taught the school; 1942-43, Mrs. J.B. Kilchenmann; and 1943-44 Miss Agnes Kenny.

Following are the pupils in attendance for 1943-44: Darwin, Jack and Margaret Moerke, Ben, Betty, Dale, and Vera Meyer, Clarence and Dickey Niskanen.

The teacher for 1944-45 was Nina Frindenthal; 1945-46, Rose Marie Elsen; 1946-47, Rose Marie Moerke; 1947-48, Dorothy Wright.

Following are the pupils in attendance in 1947-48: Yvonne Gemar, Ben, Betty, Dale, Delores, and John Meyer, Alice, Darwin and Margaret Moerke, and Harold Scheffert.

Port Emma School #1 was closed in the fall of 1949. The building was eventually sold and moved to the Harry Scheffert farm where it was remodeled into a dwelling.

PORT EMMA SCHOOL #3

(Formerly Eaton School #7)

Education became an important part of the community as early as 1885. The following notice was published in the **Port Emma Times** in the June 11, 1885 issue - "There will be a letting of bids for 6 school houses by the Eaton School District # 11. The bids will be opened at the Randall Store in Ludden, N.D. in July, 1885.

One of these schools, #7, was located on SW 1/4-29-129-60. Records show this school opened in 1897 with Mrs. Ella Van Horn and Louise Eaton as teachers that year. Students were: Jesse Van Horn, age 16, Dannie Cowley, age 8, Dave Barnard, age 5, Ray Barnard, age 6, Artie BArnard, age 5, Irving Van Horn, age 12, Nellie Cowley, age 10, Allie Cowley, age 7, Gena Courtney, age 8, Ada Howard, age 8, Nettie Howard, age 10.

Lottie Puffer taught there in 1898. She had 18 students. New students that year were: Lela Cowley, age 5, Amy, Minnie, Eda and Bertha Green, France and Alta Arthur, Jacob and Andrew Naatus.

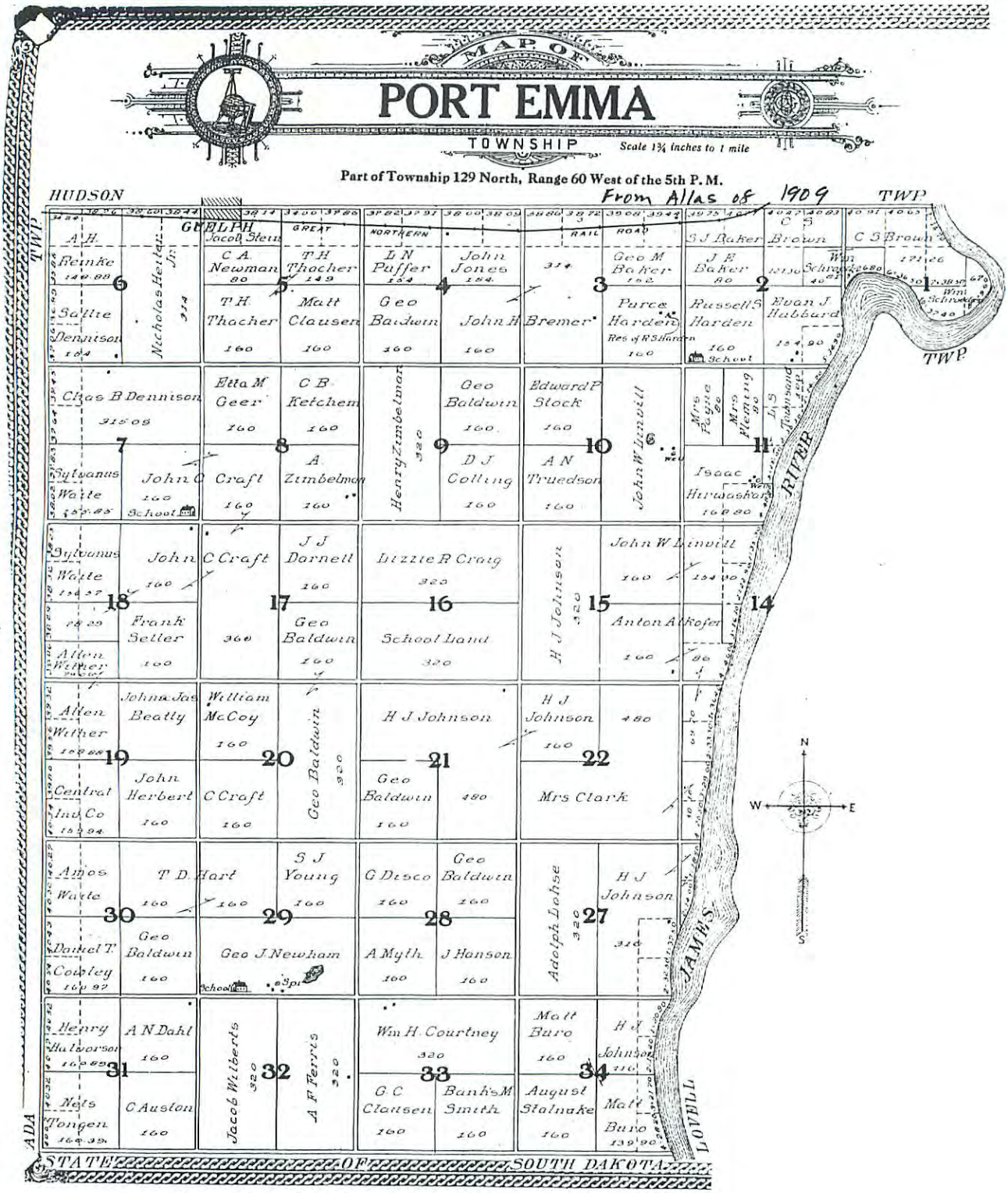
Louise Barnes was the teacher in 1889 with 14 students. Edith Knight taught the next two years. The teacher in 1903 was Mrs. R.G. Moore, followed by Florence M. Nagler. Six Cowley children attended the school that year. Mrs. Earle Courtney had 18 students in 1904-05.

Alta M. Guernsey taught in 1905-06. She had 20 students, among them Tony, Rosy and Barbara Alkofer, seven Cowley children, four Josephsons, and five Wilbert children. Mrs. Earle Courtney taught school #7 with 30 students in 1906-07. Sadie Myrum, Gralia Randall, and Mrs. Earle Courtney taught the following year. In 1908-09 Minnie Rodine and Mrs. R.G. Moore taught at school #7.

In 1909-10 C. Imogene Knight was the teacher. Elma and Jesse Hansen were enrolled that year, as well as Lee Courtney, Olaf Stende, Eldora Dokken, Charlie and Georgia Newham. Imogene Knight also taught the following year and had 16 students. Miss Goldie Robins taught there in 1911-12. Mrs. D.H. Cowley had 16 students the following year. Ella Naser taught 18 students in 1913-14, among them were Perry Pederson, May Stolle, Nellie Swayze, four Cowley children and three Hansen children.

Venus Ball taught in 1914-15. Students were Margaret and Florence Bostrup, Johanna, Elma, Jess,and Ella Hansen, two Cowley children, Nellie Zearley and Chris Quandt,who was 17 years old at that time.

Venus Ball taught there again the following year. In 1917-18 Agnes Johnson taught at school #7. Her students were six Hansen children, three Pederson children, Margaret and Florence Bostrup, Willie and Verner Stolle.


MAP OF
PORT EMMA
TOWNSHIP
Scale 1¾ inches to 1 mile
Part of Township 129 North, Range 60 West of the 5th P. M.
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Evan J Hubbard
C S Brown
Wm Schneider
Chas B Dennison
Etta M Geer
C B Ketchem
Henry Zimbelman
Edward P Stock
John W Linvill
Mrs Regie
Mrs Fleming
J S Townsend
Isaac Hiwashan
Sylvanus Waite
John C Craft
A Zimbelman
D J Colling
A N Truedson
John C Craft
J J Dornell
Lizzie B Craig
H J Johnson
Anton Alkofer
School Land
Frank Seller
Allen Wilmer
Johna Jas Beatly
William McCoy
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C Craft
Geo Baldwin
Amos Waite
T D Hart
S J Young
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Twenty-one students were taught by Miss Verle M. Oberkoleger in 1918-19. May W. Stolle taught 19 students in 1919-20. She taught school #7 again the following year and had 35 students. Amy L. Whitfield taught 22 students there in 1921-22.

On July 8, 1922 the Eaton School District was divided. The portion west of the James River became Port Emma School District #33. In momentos found from this time period, school #7 was called the Brightside School.

The teacher in 1922 was Josephine Wyckoff, with 20 students. These students were: John Leigh, Darcy Bostrup, Chris Hansen, Willard Pederson, Ross Courtney, Francis Hansen, Franklin Hansen, Florence Pederson, Maynard Pederson, Ella Hansen, Nellie Zearley, Johanna Hansen, Wayne Leigh, Eino, Arvo, Ruth, Eli, Hilda, Effie and Laura Hendrickson.

The number of the school was changed to # 3 in 1923. Nina Martinson was the teacher that year. Myrtle Haug taught 20 students in 1924. Aune Kotila taught there in 1925, followed by Celia Ulness in 1926. Mrs. Martin Peterson taught in 1927 with 6 students: Eddie Bostrup, Darcy Bostrup, Roger and Ross Courtney, Chris Hansen and Willard Pederson.

Adeline Derby taught the school year 1928-29 with 10 students under her guidance. New students that year were Lloyd Moerke, Willard Moerke, Irene Wilson, Shirley Courtney. Ruth Square taught 10 students in 1929 and Claire Andrus had 11 students in 1930-31. New students that year were: Arnold Wilson, Esther, Henry, Lempi and Leonard Nickila.

Florence Pederson taught 8 students in the year 1931 with John and Mervin Telin as new students. She also taught there the 2 following years. In the year 1934, Ella Hansen taught 13 students. She had 15 students in 1935 and 9 the following year. Maralee Voightman came to teach at #3 in 1937 and had 11 students and 7 in 1938. Mildred Perlenfein taught the school year 1939-40. Her pupils were Delores and Bruce Pederson, Delbert Eddy, Karen and Howard Andersen, Darwin, John, Donald and Clyde Moerke, Ben, Vera and Roy Meyer.



Note this is the new school, the square structure with a basement underneath.

School #3 was closed from 1940 to 1945. It reopened in 1946 with Arlyne Wright as teacher. Her pupils were Marvin Cowley, Marvin and Allen Hansen, Darwin, John and Margaret Moerke, Jason Pederson, Kenneth, Richard and Patricia Hubert. Arlyne Wright taught in 1947-48. The Hubert family had moved but Darlene, Jean, Joyce and Leonard Aho were added. This was the last year the school was in operation.

The building was moved to Guelph and used as a part of the Guelph School building. After the fire at the Guelph School, the building was moved, to the farm now owned by Elmer Knecht, Jr.

EATON SCHOOL #7 DISTRICT #11

By Ella (Hansen) McCoy

My recollections of my teaching years in the same school where I went through the grades, Eaton School #7 District #11.

Requirements for teaching in a rural school were a high school diploma and a teaching course of one summer school session. Since 1932 was the height of a severe depression, women kept their teaching jobs to support their families. Many of the farmers were going broke.

Before I could find an opening for a position, I had gone to the N.I. two years and received my standard normal certificate. It could have been heartbreaking, but I had already become well seasoned. The pigs I raised during the two years I stayed home after my sophomore year, had all died of cholera when they were fat and ready to sell. I had asked my father for a pig (the mother pig) for doing chores. Instead of feeling resentment for my fate, I took food from home every week and paid $3.50 a month for my share of a light housekeeping room and went back to high school. I baby sat for extra money at 25¢ an hour. I took along a large oatmeal container full of eggs to sell in case I'd run short, to buy a quart of milk and a loaf of bread.

My salary the first year was $50.00 a month for teaching five days a week from nine to four o'clock. This included janitor work and shoveling coal in the heater to keep the school warm.

The enclosed entrance porch had hooks for coats along one wall. Below their coats the pupils put their overshoes. One end of the room was petitioned off for a coal bin.

There was a barn to put the horses in. In winter one family came in an old buggy body with sled runners under it, pulled by two horses. Two boys from a distance came in a cart pulled by one horse. The parents converted these for practical purposes.

Most children had a mile or two to walk to school. First graders often got tired and a kind older boy would carry him piggy back for a distance.

Once a blizzard was starting. Parents came early to get their children in a bob sleigh. My brother, Frank, came horseback with another horse for me to ride. We could hardly see in front of us but the horses knew their way home.

I remember walking a mile and a half to school in 42 degree below weather. I had a white spot on my cheek

when I got to school. I just rubbed it with snow. That took care of the frost bite.

There were two outdoor toilets that the children used during fifteen minute recess in the forenoon and afternoon, besides getting exercise and fresh air. The children had an hour off at noon to eat their lunch. Some brought potatoes and put them in the ashes under the stove in the morning and would have a hot baked potatoe at noon. Some brought rolled up pancakes when they ran out of bread.

Children looked forward to playing together in the noon hour. Their favorite game was pom pom pullaway. In the winter they played fox and goose. They made a double circle, a couple of feet apart, of tracks in the snow, with tracks like spokes to a smaller circle in the middle which was safety base. One would volunteer to be the fox, who would try to catch the rest who were geese, out on the tracks.

Every Friday after recess we had art work. Each child had a box of water color paints and drawing paper. They were given a sample to follow but they could do individual drawings, too. One pupil became an expert in drawing ships. We also made reed and raffia baskets.

Every morning we sang for ten or fifteen minutes. In late spring we all went to the school rally at the county seat where each rural school sang and were graded for their singing.

Every year we had a Christmas program. All children took part in acting out plays or speaking a piece, and singing Christmas songs.

I can't remember any outstanding discipline problems. They were a bunch of good "kids" whose parents taught them right attitudes.

EATON SCHOOL #8

(Later Port Emma #2)
Known as the "Boss School"

Eaton School District School #8 opened in 1907, ten years later than school #7. This school is located on the SE ¼-7-129-60, known in later years as the Boss School. Nellie Puffer was the first teacher there. A bicycle was her mode of transportation. Here students were: Mary, Waldon, Clendon, Maylon and Roy Waite, Mary Withee, Edgar, Harold, Andrew, Albert and Lee Zimbleman.

Nellie Puffer taught there again the following year and had 11 students, among them were Frank Youle, who was age 21. Gertrude Puffer taught in 1909-10. Her students were four Waite children, Melvin Oliason, George Kukasher, Amos Hoover, Ina Korpua, Isaac Youle, Tony, Henry, Maggie and Katie Alkofer, and Jens Olufson. Nellie Puffer taught there in 1911-12, followed by Miss Ida M. Vernum and Wm. Lynch in 1912-13.

Beatrice M. Dixon taught school #8 in 1913-14. A photo taken that year shows a telephone in the school building. Mrs. Ray E. Thomas taught the following year and had 8 students. Amy Norris taught 10 students in 1916. Venus Ball had 10 students in 1917-18. Her students were Gladys and Maynard Oliason, two Dennison children, two Wirrengas, two McCoy's, and two Hill children. In 1918-19 Alma Lorens was the teacher.

In 1922 the Eaton School District was divided and part west of the James River became Port Emma School District #33. The teacher at school #8 that year was Mildred L. Espeland and her students were: Francis, Phyllis and Russel McCoy, Mary Stende, Elmer, Genevieve, Raymond, and Vincent Tobin, Howard and Glen Hauser. The number of the school was changed to school #2 in 1923. Gertrude Linville taught from 1923-25. Floyd Doggett came to teach in 1926.

In 1927-28 Florence Bostrup taught 12 students. They were; Garth Holmes, Agnes Kingsly, Frances Pagenkoph, Albert, Ida, Mary, Mildred Stende, Arnold, Hazel, Mamie, Martha and Mary Boss. Florence Bostrup taught again the following year and new students were: Richard Holmes, Henry, Ruby, and Virgil Dennis.

Martha Phillips came to teach in 1929. She had 15 pupils. She also taught there the following year. Mary Jenson taught in 1931. Martha Phillips returned to teach in 1932. Ella Hansen had 13 pupils in 1933. Florence Pederson come to teach in 1934. Her 12 pupils were: Edwin and Rudolph Boss, Helen and Myrtle Hohlen, Frances and LaVerna Pagenkoph, Albert, Norma, and Robert Young, Richard and Garth Holmes, and Ralph Linville.

Miss Gladys Oliason was the teacher at school #2 in 1935. New students were: Karen and Howard Andersen, and Royal Berntson. Ethel Baker taught in 1936. No records are available from 1937 and 1938. Mathilda Hayenga came to teach in 1940. Her 10 students were: Helen and Mark Braun, Katherine Kyllonen, Floyd and Albert Young, Howard and Karen Andersen, Royal Berntson, Bruce Pederson and Joan German.

Rosalia Schwarting taught 13 students in 1941. They were: Joan German, Mark and Helen Braun, Katherine Kyllonen, Kenneth, Joyce, Donna, and Adeline Bogardus, Floyd and Albert Young, Howard and Karen Andersen, and Royal Berntson. Nina Buske Johnson taught in 1942. Ruth Green had 4 students in 1943. They were: Gerald and Joan German, Jason Pederson and Lila Salo. She also taught the following year, 1944 with Marvin Hansen, Robert Neil, Jason Pederson and Lila Salo as her pupils. That was the last year the school was in operation.

The building was idle for some years when the students attended the Guelph School after consolidation. The building was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Young. They remodeled it into a home and have since added on to it. We are happy the building is still in use and the warmth within it lives on!

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The history of St. Mary's congregation dates back to 1904. St. Mary's Mission owes its establishment to Daniel T. Cowley who filed a claim on land in Dickey County. On a trip to Wisconsin he met Mary Burleson who learned that he was Anglican but that his children had not been baptized because an Episcopal priest had never visited their community. This was passed on to the Reverend William Whatson, then priest at Wahpeton. He traveled via the Chicago and Northwestern Railway to Ludden and walked the last seven miles to the Cowley farm. There on the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels, 1904, he baptized eight Cowley children. Later the Reverend Edgar Jones held services at the Cowley farm and in the town of Guelph, as did the Reverend F.A. Shore who followed him.

Later services were held by Rev. Thompson who prepared the Cowley children for confirmation. These services were held in the school near the Cowley farm. In 1913, Albert H. Martyr, a seminary student held services.

In June 1919, it was agreed that a church building should be built. Those signing the agreement were Nicholas Burkhardt, D.T. Cowley and Reverend Martyr, with Robert Ashley as contractor. Of the cost of more than $7000, the congregation supplied $4000. Among its furnishings were the font and lectern from the Cathedral Car which was a railroad car used as a place for worship services. The opening service in this building was held on September 21, 1919. By 1920 under the leadership of Reverend Martyr and his regular visits, the mission had grown from ten to seventy-five communicants. This building was consecrated by Bishop Tyler in June 1923 and by 1927 at least three Sunday services were held monthly. Sunday School was held every Sunday at 11 o'clock the year around.

An Altar Guild was organized a short time after the church was built with Mrs. Earl Courtney as president and Mrs. D.H. Cowley as Secretary. Other members were Allie and Lela Cowley, Mae Stolle, Katie and Mary Burkhardt. The first chicken pie supper was held the first week in December, 1919. All the dishes and utensils, as well as the water were brought from home. The chicken pie supper became an annual affair along with the sale of fancy work.

A Girls Friendly Society was organized in 1923 consisting of young girls in the community. Members were Nellie Zearley Robertson, Margaret and Florence Bostrup, Nora and Florence Pederson, Frances and Phyllis McCoy, Johanna, Ella and Alma Hansen.

In the twenties one of the social events of the church was the Ice Cream Social featuring home made ice cream and cake, plus dancing to George Cowley's accordian music. There was also an annual picnic held at Cowley's Grove followed by an afternoon of baseball. After the ball game everyone hurried home to milk their cows so they could get back for an evening of dancing.



Top row, left to right - Thomas Burkhardt, Earl Courtney, Waldon Waite, Mrs. Nicholas Burkhardt, Frank Burkhardt, Milo Bostrup, D.T. Cowley.
Second row - Mrs. D.T. Cowley, Lillian Holmes, Mary Waite, Della Cowly, Margaret Bostrup, Florence Bostrup, Mrs. Earl Courtney.
Third row - Kate Bruns (in choir robes), Mamie Boss, Ella Hansen, Florence Pederson, Dorothy Pagenkopf, Martha Boss, Irene Wilson.
Fourth row - LaVerna Pagenkopf, Frances Pagenkopf, Richard Holmes, Roger Courtney, a Moierke, Garth Holmes, Rudolph Boss, Edwin Boss.
Fronnt row - Ethel Bruns, Wilma Burkardt, a Moerke holding the cross, Carroll Waite and Rev. McNamara.

A choir was organized in 1932 directed by Rev. McNamara. The group grew to sixteen members of whom two were baptized members of the church. The choir continued to be active under the leadership of Rev. Creighton.

In 1933 the Girls Friendly Society was reorganized. Some of the members were: Martha, Mamie, Marie and Hazel Boss; and Dorothy, Frances and LaVerna Pagenkopf. One of the interesting activities was the presentation of a home talent play entitled, "The Singing School".

Family Christmas parties have always been a tradition at St. Mary's. In earlier years it was a large community affair with a filled church on Christmas Eve and popcorn balls and a bag of treats were traditionally handed out to everyone that came.

Summer Vacation Bible School has been a yearly affair. Rev. Elliot Sorge and Miss Alice Sweet, a Deaconess, were the leaders of the Bible School in the mid 1950's. In 1967, St. Mary's joined with the Methodist Church in Guelph for Vacation Bible School

and in later years the children have been going to Oakes for Vacation Bible School and Sunday School. In the 1960's the Sunday School met with the Presbyterian Church in Oakes and the Vacation Bible School has been a cooperative effort between St. Mark's Episcopal, the First Presbyterian and the United Methodist churches in Oakes.

Rev. Wm. Freeman came in 1962. During his stay he organized a girl's choir, consisting of: Susan, Barbara and Elaine Holmes, Denise, Debra, and Dawn Waite and Jackie Telin. He also helped St. Mary's get a Lowry organ with the help of a concerned group from Massachusetts. Rev. Larry Bradner who came in 1967 introduced the Tribal Services. In 1973 with the Rev. James Martin, St. Mary's co-hosted the Diocesan Convention held in Oakes. Home services during the winter were held. Annual reports are published and our church became a member of Coalition V.

Records show the following "firsts" for St. Mary's Church: On December 4, 1908, the Rev. D.T. Thompson presented Louise (Mrs. Daniel T.) Cowley for confirmation. On August 3, 1915, the baptism of Darcy Clayton Bostrup by the Rev. Albert Martyr took place. On November 30, 1918, the Burial Office for Agnes Burkhardt was read by Rev. Albert Martyr,and on October 18, 1921, the marriage of Allie Cowley and Alvin Astradson was performed by the Rev. Albert Martyr.

The following is a list of the priests and lay readers who served St. Mary's:

The Rev. George McNamara in 1930

The Rev. Wm. F. Creighton from June 1934 to January, 1937. He later became Bishop of Washington.

Rev. Chas. Scovil from October, 1941 to 1945

Rev. G. Armstrong in 1946

Rev. Lionell Harrison, January 1947

Rev. Fred Pickett, from 1948 to 1951

Rev. George Gillespie in 1952

Rev. Sidney Smith in 1953

Rev. Elliot Sorge from June, 1954 to August, 1960. He later became Bishop of Brazil.

Mr. M.W. Andresen from 1960, with the Rev. T.J. McElligott providing Eucharist.

Rev. Wm. Freeman from July, 1962 to November, 1966.

Rev. Harold Jones in 1967

Rev. Larry Bradner from August, 1967 to January, 1971.

Rev. Charles Henley, January to June, 1971.

Rev. James Martin from June, 1971 to December 31, 1975.

Rev. Stephen Sedgwick from April, 1977 to August, 1980.

Present lay readers are Doyle Burkhardt and Garth Holmes.

We give thanks to the early pioneers who saw the need for a place of worship for their families and others in the community. They kept their Faith through good times and bad times. Our hope is that we and future generations can move onward with such strong Faith.

RIVER COUNTRY CHURCH



James River Apostolic Church, moved from SW25-129-60 in Nov. 1954 to Hecla. Wm. Scott bought it.

Members of the Congregation who lived in James River locality and considered the distance too great to go to the Savo church decided in 1887 to construct a church building for themselves. This was built on Fred Holmstrom's land in Portage township. Committee members included William Wattula, John Korpua, Henry Wattaja, Sakari Wanttaja, Fred Holstrom, Simon Wuolu, Jeremiah Erickson and Matt Merta-Buro. This Congregation was also under the authority of the same Board of Trustees as the Savo Church. The James River Church was later moved from Portage township to land deeded to the congregation by William Wattula and located in Lovell Township, SW 40 of Section 25-129-60.

Henry Kytonen taught the Sunday School in the River Country Church. William Wattula led the singing there for many years.

Through the years some of the confirmation classes were held at the James River Church, whichever area being the most convenient for the majority of the prospective confirmands. The River Country Church was disbanded and sold to William Scott in 1954.

In the early years, Rev. N.P. Starkka and Rev. Charles Daniels were the ministers. Later Gideon Daniels performed the services for many years. They had no resident minister after he died.

(Excerpts from the History of the Finnish Settlement in Brown and Dickey Counties of North and South Dakota, 1881-1955, pages 7 and 8).

STATELINE HOMEMAKERS CLUB

A group of housewives from the Port Emma - Ada area decided there was a need for a homemakers club in their area. This group was organized in 1953 and was called the Stateline Homemakers Club. The "Stateline" was chosen because many of the women lived quite near the North Dakota-South Dakota state line.

The original members were: Mrs. Peter Burkhardt, Mrs. D.H. Cowley, Mrs. Garth Holmes, Mrs. Richard Holmes, Mrs. C.W. Holmes, Mrs. Emil Pahl, Mrs. Walter Raugutt, Mrs. Jack Telin, and Mrs. Carroll Waite. Mrs. Floyd Young, Mrs. Fred Luoma and Mrs. William Hokana joined later that year.

The first officers were: President, Wilma Raugutt; Vice-President, Evelyn Telin; Secretary, Mae Holmes; Treasurer, Donna Holmes.

By 1956 Mrs. Jack Hayenga and Mrs. Fred Karjalainen were added to the membership. Mrs. Raymond Burkhardt joined in 1958-59 and Mrs. Derl Hastings in 1959-60. Edna Burkhardt and Lillian Holmes dropped their membership. Mrs. Eugene Burlingame, Mrs. Marvin Hansen, Mrs. Jason Pederson, and Mrs. Allen Hansen became the newest members.

The club disbanded in 1964-65. The main projects at that time were: Foods and Nutrition, Clothing and Home Management. The club had a Christmas party at their December meeting, especially for the children. In February they entertained the husbands at a supper to celebrate St. Valentine's Day. A family picnic was held during the summer.

The members have pleasant memories of the years the club was active, especially the meeting days with all the young children! They learned much by working together and sharing ideas, which benefited them in their duties as homemakers.



G. M. Baker home, NE¼ of 3-129-60.



George and Bertha Kunrath home, NE¼ of 8-130-59. Grandpa and Grandma Gripp, John Kunrath, Caroline,Johnnie, William, Arthur and Lillie.



George Waite Homestead, NW¼ of 12-129-61. Left to right; Joie Waite, Mrs. (Rachel) George Waite, Violet Waite, George Waite, Sam Pace's horse, and Roger Gorman. The square house in the center, behind the horse, was moved to Guelph in 1910 by Harry Newman and his residence until he sold it to Ray Hollan.



Sylvanus Waite farm, SW¼ of 7-129-60. Homesteaded in 1883, house built in 1887, still stands. Those pictued left to right: Mary Waite, Sylvanus Waite, Carl Grady, Maylon Waite, Roy Waite, Waldon Waite, Amos Hoover, and Clendon Waite. Photo taken about 1911.



Harvey E. Hyatt farm, NW¼ S 30-129-59, about 1900. H.E. Hyatt traded 56 acres of Indiana land for 2 quarters of N.D. land to the Gargus Bros. in about 1898. The house was three claim shacks moved together.



The Kendall farm before it was remodeled about 1906. Those pictured, Mrs. Kendall (Jane), Kate, Will, and Charley



One of the first houses in Ludden. Hilda Maki home, taken in 1983



C.B. Maddock home and family. SE¼ of 28-130-60. Later residents, Chris Wentzel, with Bill Balinsky following that.



Home built by Amos Waite on NE¼ of S. 25-129-61. Those pictured, Alfred Johanson, Lily Sand, and baby Clarence.



Millo and Petrea Bostrup in buggy. Hans Lowe farm N. of Ludden.

FAMILIES:
Past and Present



JOHN AND ARDIS ABERLE

Ardis Lucille Meyer and John Aberle, Jr. were married on September 23, 1961 at the Holy Rosary Catholic Church in LaMoure, N.D. They have four children, Terry John, Ronald Allen, Sandra Lucille and Darwin Eldon. They own and operate a grain and dairy farm in Dean Township.

Ardis is the daughter of John and Lillian Meyer of Guelph and was born on March 24, 1944 at Oakes, N.D. She was the bass drummer of the Guelph High School Band and a member of the chorus. Ardis has 5 brothers, Roy, Ben, Dale, Johnny and Fred, and 6 sisters, Vera, Betty, Deloris, Virginia, Sharon and Nancy.

John is the son of John and Anna Aberle of LaMoure, N.D. and was born September 5, 1940 at Wishek, N.D. He received his education at Berlin, N.D. John has 6 sisters, Rosina, LaVona, Katherine, Deloris, Lucy and Geraldine.

JOHN AND LEMPY AHO

John was born in Toysa, Finland, in 1884. He came to America in 1906 and worked in the mines in Michigan several years and lived in Duluth, Mn., 3 years before coming to Hecla, S.D. in 1915. He married Lempy Esther Rosendahl of Hecla June 1, 1917. Lempy was born in Hecla January 10, 1902, and grew up there.

The Aho's lived on a farm in Ada Township SE ¼ of Section 23. Floyd Youngs live there now. The Aho's retired in 1944 and moved to Ludden. Mr. Aho died in 1965. Mrs. Aho continued to live in Ludden until 1969 when she moved to Aberdeen, S.D. She passed away there Jan. 7, 1981.

The Aho's had 4 sons: Robert and Leonard of Aberdeen, LaVern of Milwaukee, Wis., and Howard of Honolulu, Hawaii; [illegible] laughters: Mrs. (Hazel) Rudy Kangas of St. Paul; Mrs. (Florence) Pat DeLeo of Sacramento, California; Mrs. (Mae) Walter Jorgensen, Tallahassee, Fla.; Mrs. (Martha) Ben Leonard, Brainerd, Mn.; Mrs. (Jean) Mike Biaggi, and Mrs. (Darlene) Lawrence Brunmaier, both of Seattle, Wash.; and Mrs. Joyce Bonner, Tacoma, Wash.

BAXTER AND ANNA AKERS

By Anna Hove Akers

My grandfather, Jorgen A. Pederson, settled on a claim near Clement. He and my grandmother, Anna Pederson, and their 3 children, Lizzy, Gustava, and George, came from Norway in 1889.



Jorgen A. Pederson



Anna Pederson



George and Ann Hove

My mother, Gustava Pederson, married Hans Hove and lived at Crescent Hill which was east of Ludden. My father had a claim there. My brother, George, and I were born there. We moved west of Guelph in 1914. I was 4 years old then.

Our neighbors at that time were: Jake and Carl Grady to the east; the Morris family to the west; Newhams north of us, and Roy and Olga Waite to the south. I spent much time visiting the Waites. They both loved children. Olga let me comb her beautiful long blond hair and let me wear her high top laced spike heel shoes. I would wear mine inside hers. I often spent the night with them.

We attended grade school, both in Guelph and also in Ada township. The early Guelph school was behind Grover Howard's store. I went to Guelph school for the 9th grade. Dale Newman and I were the only ones in high school. Ragnar Ogren was our teacher. Dale and I had fun racing our horses.

We attended the Holiness Methodist Church and never missed going to prayer meetings, camp meetings and such. As children we didn't go too many places. We attended neighborhood birthday parties where home made ice cream and layered birthday cakes were served. House parties were such fun.

I finished high school at the NI and went to summer school. That fall in 1930 I taught in Hudson township. March 6, 1931 I married Clair Rougeux and went to live in Detroit, Mich.

I went back to teaching during the war. I attended night school and earned my Bachelor of Science degree. I taught for 25 years, 6 years in North Dakota and 19 in the same school in Michigan.

Clair pased away in 1964. I was a widow for 6 years. I then married Baxter Akers. My husband has one daughter, June. She and her husband, Perry Seese, who is a psychiatrist in Atlanta, Ga., have 2 children, Robert and Matthew. I'm a grandmother and a step mother, which makes me very happy. We live in Harrisville, Michigan.

RAYMOND & ELLEN AKERS



The Ray Akers family, Ray, Ellen, John and Ray, 1981.

Raymond Lee Akers was born November 24, 1938 in Santa Rosa, California. He met Ellen McLean who was born February 11, 1943 in Trenton, New Jersey. They were married July 7, 1959 in Gatesville, North Carolina.

Raymond L. and Ellen M. Akers and sons, Ray and John lived in the Guelph area from 1976-79. They came from California to attend Trinity Bible Institute in Ellendale. They lived on the Alma Andersen farm four miles west of town where Howard Andersen and Karen Waite were reared. The boys attended high school in Oakes.

Ray headed the Television Department at Cline Implement in Oakes. Ray, Jr. worked with him after school.

As a recruiter for the National Guard, Ray enlisted some local young people for basic training at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo. including Ray Jr., Rod Seelye and Elizabeth Burlingame.

Ray and the boys built a shop in the yard and did truck wrecking. Often dissembled vehicles or parts of them had to be moved for Howard Andersen and his boys when they came through with farm equipment.

One day as Howard unloaded grain in the yard, the truck turned over, twisted the box and spilled the grain right on the ground. What a shocking and sad sight from the kitchen.

The community was very friendly and when Ray Jr. graduated from High School and Rod Seelye went to basic training, many friends came to the farm for parties for them. The Waite, Young, and Seelye boys were frequent visitors.

Sometime Karen Waite or Joan Andersen brought relatives to visit the old house. And coffee was always served at the post office in town.

The family enjoyed the old farm house and its history. They installed a wood range in the kitchen. After school each night the boys went to the shelter belt for wood. They chopped and stacked and complained which often prompted a "discussion" on the value of hard work. They cut the wood all by hand. The tiny pieces that made a hot fast fire for biscuits, they called "biscuit wood". One night as John stacked his last pieces of wood in the box by the stove, he looked up and said, "Mom, you know how you said I was supposed to get inner satisfaction from this job - well, I just did!"

Ray and Ellen live in Monango, North Dakota now. Ray has a wrecking yard and Ellen has a craft and sewing shop.

Ray and John have worked with their Dad and are employed in oil related work in the Dickinson, North Dakota area. Ray Jr. married Jewely Harrington of Illinois in 1981.

ANTON (TONY) AND LOUISE ALKOFER, JR.

Louise Quandt, with her mother, sister Martha and brothers Claus and Arnold, came from Iowa to North Dakota to visit her Uncle Claus Mohr and her grandmother, who had moved to North Dakota. A few years later her brother Chris came to North Dakota and stayed with his Uncle Claus and attended school and helped with the farm work. Later he went into farming by himself. He asked his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Quandt, to come live with him. They and Claus, Arnold and Louise left Iowa and came.

Louise met Tony Alkofer, Jr., the son of Tony and Marie Alkofer, Sr. who had come from Klheim, Germany to Libertyville, Ill., in 1887 and later to North Dakota, settling in Port Emma Township.

Tony and Louise were married Sept. 9, 1919. They lived several years in the Guelph community. Four children were born to them--Laurence, Rose, Raymond and Anton. The children attended school in Guelph. Rose graduated from Guelph High School in 1940 and Raymond graduated from there in 1947.

They moved to a small farm east of Ludden, where they lived several years. The LeRoy Wolff's live there now. When the Alkofers returned, they moved to Oakes and lived in one of the Visto apartments. Mr. Alkofer passed away May 18, 1981. He is buried in the Ludden cemetery. Mrs. Alkofer moved to Park River, N.D. and lives in an apartment there. Her 2 sons, Ray and Anton, and their families live there.

ANTON AND MARIE ALKOFER, SR.

Tony and Marie Alkofer were born in Kilheim, Germany. Soon after their marriage, they came to the United States. They settled in Libertyville, Illinois, about 1887. They had 10 children: Joe, Mary, John (died at 12 yrs. of age), Simeon (died in infancy), Barbara, Rose, Anton Jr., Margaret, Catherine, and Henry.



5 daughters of Anton and Marie Alkofer.

When they came to this area, they stayed with Barney Honl family in Hudson township for about 2 weeks. They moved to the Eaton Ranch in Port Emma township where Mr. Alkofer worked for Mr. Eaton. About 3 years later, they built their own home on the place that now belongs to John Visto in Port Emma Township.

Tony died during the flu epidemic of 1918. Marie then lived with her son "Heinie" for several years. She died in the "Gladys Masse Nursing Home" in 1950. She was one of the first — if not the first — residents of that home.

RAY AND LAURA ALKOFER



Ray Alkofer family. Left to right - Gary Ramsey, Julie Alkofer, Tom Alkofer, Ray Alkofer, Mary Alkofer Ramsey, Bob Alkofer, Bill Alkofer, Laura Alkofer.

Ray Alkofer, the son of Tony and Louise Quandt Alkofer, was born Nov. 12, 1929, in Guelph. He has 2 brothers, Lawrence of Tacoma, Wash., and Anton of Park River, N.D., and a sister, Rose, of North Hollywood, Calif. He attended school in Guelph and was a member of the high school class of 1947.

Ray was employed by N.W. Bell Telephone Co. until Dec. 1951 when he entered the U.S. Marine Corps and served until Dec. 1953. After being discharged, he attended N.D. State School of Sciece in 1955 and 1956. He was employed by Great Northern (now Burlington Northern) Railway from 1956-1959.

In 1957, he married Laura Ann Hesch of Buckman, Minn. Laura taught school at Riverdale and at Durbin, N.D. prior to their marriage. He worked as area serviceman for Dickey Rural Telephone Co., Ellendale, N.D., in the Ellendale and Milnor exchange area from 1959-1963. They lived in Milnor from 1960-1963.

They moved in Feb. 1964 to Clear Lake, S.D. where he was employed by Deuel Telephone Co-operative of Clear Lake as an area serviceman until August of 1969. He secured a position as Instructor of Telephone Technology at the Wadena Area Vocational Technical Institute, Wadena, Minn., and began teaching in Sept. of 1969. He taught 4 years at Wadena before being offered the position of Personnel Manager and Safety and Training Director for Polar Communications in Park River, N.D., where he has been employed since Sept. 1, 1973. Park River is located 65 miles northwest of Grand Forks, N.D.

Ray and Laura have five children and 1 grandson, Matthew Arron. Mary, who is 25, is married to Gary Ramsey of Park River. Mary and Gary presently reside at 110 State Street in Grand Forks, N.D., where Gary recently received a degree in Business Administration from U.N.D. and now is a first year student in pursuit of a degree in Law. Mary is employed by the Department of Transportation of the UND in the position of receptionist/dispatcher. The Ramsey's have one son Matthew Arron who was 2 years old on Sept. 28, 1982.

Julie Alkofer is 23 years old, a recent graduate of the University of Minnesota, and presently lives in Moundsview, Minn. Julie was a summer empioyee of Ruttgers Bay Lake Resort near Brainerd, Minn., while attending the U. of Minnesota.

Bill Alkofer is 21 years old and a 3rd year Photo Journalism student at the University of North Dakota. For the past year, Bill has been chief photographer for the "Dakota Student", the student newspaper for the University of N.D. Bill spent the summer of 1982 as an intern photographer for the Grand Forks Herald.

Tom Alkofer is 17 years old and a senior at Park River High School. Tom's educational future is still undecided.

Bob Alkofer is in the 6th grade at Park River Elementary School. Bob participates in all sports and music and band activities.

Ray and Laura are both involved in community activities in Park River, especially the ambulance service where both have been active members since 1975. Living in town the size of Park River (population 2200) gives Ray and his family a chance to become widely acquainted and able to participate in all areas of church and community life. Ray is a member of the Board of Directors of the N.D. Association of EMT/ECT's, a board

member of the North Dakota Safety Council, secretary of the local Knights of Columbus council, coordinator and training officer for the Park River Volunteer Ambulance Service, member of the local Lions Club, member Park River Sports Boosters, lector, usher, and communion distributor at St. Mary's Church, and volunteer fireman for over 20 years.

Ray is presently employed by Polar Communications, a telephone and cable TV co-operative in Park River. His position is Personnel Manager and Safety and Training Director.

The Ray Alkofer family moved to Park River in Sept. of 1973, and enjoy living in this community of 2000 plus in northeastern North Dakota. Ray's brother Tony and his family and their mother, Mrs. Louise Alkofer, live in Park River also. Anton Alkofer (Tony Sr.) passed away in May of 1981 after a long illness.

JOHN AND VIVIAN ALMA



John and Vivian (Maddock) Alma, taken June, 1981

As the youngest child of a family of six living children of Harry and Myrtle Maddock, I only lived at Guelph for eleven years, but I have many memories of my old home town.

My parents had moved to the Guelph area from Kokomo, Indiana. They took with them many dreams of a bright future; owning vast acres, waving with golden grain.

My sister, Theta, now Mrs. S.H. Jensen, had been born in Indiana. After moving to N.D., a son was born, living only a couple of weeks. Later there was Georgia, Donald, and twins Kenneth and Kenton. Another son was born, living only a couple of months. Both babies are buried in the Ludden Cemetery.

On December 4, 1922, I, Vivian, was born. A snow storm was raging and Dad had a boil on his knee, making it difficult for him to walk. Mrs. Jesse Newman attended my birth. She had been a nurse at Columbus, Nebraska, before coming to N.D. and marrying Jesse Newman, a cousin of Harry Newman. The I.O.O.F. Lodge members helped Dad with the farm chores and also gave me a silver spoon.

My sister, Theta, was fifteen years older than I and began teaching before she was eighteen years old. When I was 4 or 5 years old, she was teaching at the old Hudson #4 school. It was several miles from home and during a bad stormy period, it was necessary for her to stay in the school for some time. She was lonely and afraid so she took me to keep her company. We slept on a cot and cooked on the large heating stove.

Theta was my teacher when I started to school at Hudson #3. Kenneth and Kenton also went to her at this time. She was determined not to play family favorites, and we always felt she overdid her discipline on us.

One memory that stands out is when we were able to get a piano. It was really special because it was a player piano. Our neighbors liked to gather in and play it. Music was always an important part of our life. Dad had made a violin and taught himself to play it. He enjoyed playing for dances. Theta had always wished she could play so she paid for lessons that I took from Mrs. Root. This gave me great opportunities to get out of helping with dishes and other little chores. That was always when I needed to practice. When the work was done, I was finished with the piano. I soon found out I could play "by ear". This was much more fun than dreary old scales, etc. The family didn't know the difference, it sounded all right to them. Mrs. Root had different ideas. You played by the book and you did it correctly. When I failed to co-operate, Mrs. Root refused to give me further lessons.

By this time the effects of the lean depression years were showing. Then came the terrible dust storms. Two horses died the same day. This was a terrible loss for a farmer in those days. One had foundered and one was severely injured when he switched his tail in the drive belt of the threshing machine. Times were getting desperate. Dad was one of many who gambled and lost. He decided it would be better for us to go back to Indiana. An uncle of my mother had offered us a farm. The day of the sale came, we would be leaving the only home I had ever lived in. The crowd had gathered when the news came that the uncle had died. Plans were changed and we had no place to go. Relatives who spent the winters in Florida offered their home in Greentown for the winter months. Having no place else to go, we left Guelph on November 3, 1933.

During the three or four days it took to settle up after the sale and start for Indiana, our family had to stay at various places. I had stayed at Schwartings. Mrs. Schwarting was so patient and kind but I became very homesick.

Pauline (Maddock) Wheeless, my cousin, had been my teacher at Guelph in the sixth grade before we left. I had been used to all 8 grades in one room for most of my life, although I believe at this time there were not that many grades in Pauline's room. About the only place I had gone alone before this time was to walk to Uncle Charlies. Now we had moved into a town. There was a house right next to us with only a driveway in between. The school had more than one story and two sixth grades. I didn't even know which one to go to. After trying to find my way around the Greentown

school for a day or two, I would have gladly gone back to Guelph and stayed with almost anyone.

After a year in the Kokomo area, my parents bought a farm near Idaville, Indiana. They were able to live there until their deaths. Dad died in March of 1968 at age 85 and Mother in June 1978 at age 95. I am sure their long years of hard work and determination added to their long life and contentment.

On April 12, 1942, I was married to John William Alma. He wore the uniform of the United States Air Force and he was the first serviceman to be married in this area. Most were certain the marriage would not last. He spent nearly four years in the China-Burma area. At this writing, my sister, Georgia, is on a tour of China. She reports good food and fine accommodations - something unheard of during the early and mid 1940's.

We have done various things including farming and factory work. In 1956 John began work as partsman for the Ford Tractor dealership in Logansport, In. In 1981 when he reached 65, he also had been with the Ford Company for 25 years. At last, he could retire. When the time came, he did not want to leave nor did his boss want to let 25 years of experience go. So although he is semi-retired, he continues to go into work at regular time and is happy to be needed.

Since we live next door to an Elementary school, I have been working there part time doing janitorial work. It keeps me in contact with children and gives me extra to do each day. We both have plenty to keep us busy each day.

We have three children. Janice and her daugher, Amy, live next door to us. Janice has done secretarial work most of the time since her graduation. Dick with his wife, Sandee and their four children farm just a few miles from us. He also drives the school bus. We both often drive the tractor and help in the busy seasons when he needs us. Jim, our eldest, always had a yen to see the West. When my sister, Georgia and her husband from Spakane, Washington, came to visit just after his high school graduation in 1960, they insisted on taking him home for a three week's vacation. He never came back to live in Indiana. He is a member of the Spokane County Deputy Sheriff's Dept. and at present time is working in their Crime Alert Division. He has one daughter, Diana.

Ten years ago we moved into a newly developed housing addition. Our hobby is gardening and yard work. The first thing we did, at my insistence, was to plant lots of trees. We have more than any of the other neighbors. It upsets me very much to see great areas of trees being bull-dozed down or even a single tree to be cut. I know why it especially concerns me. I haven't forgotten the hot, glaring sun blazing down on unprotected land fifty years ago out on the North Dakota prairie where there was not a tree in sight to offer shade to a tired, sweating farmer or his equally tired, sweating team of horses.

OSCAR ALTHOUSE



Ducks, shot with an "Ithaca" gun

Oscar Althouse farmed in the Ludden area from 1911 - 1927. He came from Utica, Nebraska, where he was born in 1887. He never married and moved to Iowa in 1927.

Oscar was an avid hunter.

WALTER AND ALTA AMMERMAN



Back row, left to right: Phyllis Ammerman, Carol Lou Ammerman, Alta Ammerman. Front row, left to right: Wayne Ammerman, Dennis Ammerman, Walter Ammerman.

Walter R. Ammerman was born August 9, 1903 at Kokomo, Indiana. He was the son of John and Daisy Ammerman.

Alta May Maddock was born April 15, 1906 near Kokomo, Indiana. Her parents were Alonzo (Lonnie) and Kate Maddock.

When Alta was 11 months old she moved with her parents to a farm in North Dakota which was located northeast of Guelph. Here she grew up, walking to school until she was old enough to drive a horse and buggy. She liked the outdoors and worked in the fields to help her father during the summer months.

In 1917 her father bought their first automobile, an Overland. In June, 4 cars and 16 people started to Indiana for a visit. It was 1100 miles and it took them 11 days to make the trip because of rain and muddy roads. It took but 5 days to make the return trip.

After completing the 8th grade in a rural school, Alta went to high school in Guelph for two years. Since Guelph only offered two years of high school, it was decided that she should go to Indiana and stay with her Grandmother Lambert to attend the Clay Towhship High School.

It was while she was in Indiana that she met Walter. He was also a graduate of a one-room school and later learned electrical maintenance, which provided him with his life's work.

Alta returned to North Dakota after graduation and in 1925 Walter went there also. They were married June 3, 1926 at Oakes, N.D. by Rev. J.D. Smith.

That October they returned to Indiana to live where Walter farmed and did electrical work.

A son, Dennis, was born to them on September 2, 1928.

Two years later they bought a small farm. Trouble seemed to beset them. The house burned, leaving only a small cement block wash house in which to live. During the process of moving a small building to join on to the wash house, a man helping was electrocuted when he came in contact with an electric line. Finally the house was completed just in time to welcome their second son, Robert Wayne, who was born November 19, 1931. Because of illness, Alta's parents came from North Dakota to help them out that winter.

Alta took care of her invalid mother for 21 years. Her Aunt Madge Lambert also lived with them during this time.

Alta worked at various times in merchandising.

Walter passed away January 2, 1982 rather suddenly. He is buried in the cemetery at Galveston, Indiana.

Alta had a serious auto accident in May of 1982 which caused her to spend many weeks in a hospital and nursing home. She now lives alone in her home near Galveston, In.

The older son, Dennis LaRoy Ammerman has been married twice. He has a daughter by his marriage to Vera Miller. Her name is Linda Lee. She married John Tyler and has a daughter, Devon, born October 25, 1965.

Dennis' second marriage was to Carol Lou Sparks who was born June 3, 1933. She and Dennis have three children, Max, Sharon Kay and Terry Dale. Max was born February 16, 1954. He was married to Pamela Fay Goodson August 1, 1981, but divorced in 1982. There were no children.

Sharon Kay was born January 3, 1958. She married David Timothy Oakes on February 27, 1982. They have one child, Sarah Andrea born August 5, 1982.

Terry Dale was born December 30, 1962. He married Kimberly Ann Hughes on August 22, 1981. They have no children.

Robert Wayne Ammerman worked for several Kokomo businesses after his graduation from high school. On October 20, 1950 he married Phyllis Beeler, the daughter of Robert and Bessie Beeler of Kokomo.

For a while Phyllis and Wayne worked for Delco Radio Division in Kokomo. Phyllis still works there but Wayne now works as a machinist in the composing room of the Kokomo Tribune.

They built a new home on a plot of land given to them by Wayne's grandmother, Kate Maddock. It is near his brother Dennis' home.

They have one daughter, Carol Ann, born January 30, 1952. She is a graduate of Purdue University, majoring in Home Economics. She married Leo Plomin on June 14, 1975. They have 2 children: Matthew Leo and Abigail Leigh Plomin. They live in Lafayette, Indiana.

HOWARD AND JOAN ANDERSEN



Howard Andersen family. Left to right - Terry Andersen, Larry and Jane Andersen, Faye Andersen, (Mrs.) Joan Andersen, Howard Andersen.

Howard J. Andersen was born September 14, 1929 to Jens F. and Alma (Perlenfein) Andersen at Ludden, ND. He attended rural schools and the Guelph Public School from which he graduated in 1947. The family lived on several farms in the Guelph area until 1946 when they purchased the Oscar Wold farm. After high school he went into farming with his father and during the winters he worked at a number of different jobs.

On November 13, 1954 at the First Methodist Church at Rapid City he married Joan Vie. Joan was born July 28, 1932 at Sarles, ND to Palmer and Genevieve (Maddock) Vie. She attended school for 2 years at Hansboro, ND and the other 10 years at Guelph, graduating in 1950. Following graduation she worked for 3 months at St. Lukes Hospital in Aberdeen and then attended Aberdeen School of Commerce. After graduating from there the following June she went to work in the bookkeeping department at First National

Bank in Rapid City. Later she obtained a civil service job at Ellsworth Air Force Base where she worked for the next 2 years.

Following their marriage they moved onto the former Ed Knapp farm which they purchased in 1958. In 1965 they built a new home on their farm and continue to reside there. Their farm is located in Port Emma township - SW¼ 6-129-60.

They are the parents of 3 children, 2 sons and 1 daughter. Terry Lee, Larry James and Faye Michelle. They also have 2 grandchildren, Jessica and Brad, children of Terry and Vicki Andersen. The boys are farming with their father. Faye graduated from Oakes High School and then attended Moorhead State College. She is presently employed at First Realty of Fargo. She is engaged to Greg Gramlow of Fullerton and they have set September 3 as their wedding date.

Howard has one sister, Karen Waite and Joan has 2 sisters and 2 brothers, Mrs. Vernon (Dorothy) Klier, Portland, Oregon; Mrs. Richard Bergman (Nancy), Juba, Sudan, Africa; Thomas Vie, Oakes, ND; and Roger Vie, Fargo, ND.

The Andersens are members of the Guelph United Methodist Church.

JENS (JIM) & ALMA ANDERSEN



Jens (Jim) and Alma Andersen

Jens (Jim) Andersen was born March 23, 1894 at Holback, Denmark to Niels and Karen Andersen.

At the age of 15 he accompanied his half brother Pete Thompson to America, crossing the Atlantic by ship and arrived in New York harbor. He and his brother had very little money and when they boarded the train in New York, N.Y. for Aberdeen, South Dakota, the wind took Jim's cap. Pete used his last dollar to buy a cap for Jim. With the help of a kind conductor they arrived in Aberdeen, South Dakota. Here they found to get to their uncle's farm they would have to jump off the train as it only slowed down at the next station and did not stop.

Jim worked one year for the uncle and following that worked in the woods in Minnesota, driving a logging team and as a cook at the logging camp. He also worked as a farm laborer and an engine man with his brother Pete.

Jim had 2 brothers and 4 sisters and his father was a farmer in Denmark. There is only one sister, Marie, living in a rest home in Denmark at this time.

Alma Perlenfein was born August 8, 1898 to Jacob and Eva (Roemmich) Perlenfein at Sutton, Nebraska. When Alma was 4 years old, she came with her parents, 3 sisters, Sophia, Lydia, Freda, and 5 brothers, Ed, John, Henry, Ferd, and Gust to Oakes, N.D. by train in an immigrant car. All their household belongings were in one box car and the livestock in another box car.

They arrived in the winter time and the 6 foot, and some deeper, snow banks were a surprise to them as they had never before seen so much snow. They had to go by sled to get to the Murray farm, N.E. ¼ of Sec. 20-130-60, where they were to live several years. Alma had two older brothers, Will and Jake, and a sister, Eva, who remained in Nebraska and Colorado.

Alma attended school at Hudson No. 4. Nellie Puffer was her first teacher. Nellie rode a bike in the spring and fall from Guelph to her school. When school was dismissed Nellie would put Alma on the seat of the bicycle and push her and walk beside holding the bike up until they arrived at Alma's home 1½ miles away.

Alma's mother who was a semi-invalid for several years, passed away when Alma was 13 years old. Until this time many household duties and much of the care of her mother was her responsibility.

Alma went out to work at a very young age, doing house work and cooking in the cook car for threshers. The cook car was usually an 8 ft. by 20 ft. building on wheels that would be pulled behind the separator (threshing machine), to whatever farm needed grain threshed. It carried a stove, table, benches, dishes and whatever essentials were needed for preparing food. The cooks, there were usually two, had a small bed where they slept, as they were up early to prepare breakfast and it was late at night before the last dishes were done.

Alma worked as a cook in the dormitories at the Normal Industrial College in Ellendale, North Dakota, Sioux Falls and Yankton, South Dakota. One fall she was hired as a cook at the Shields farm at Edgeley, North Dakota, and Jim was hired to drive a header box and a team of horses. This hired girl seemed so very attractive and a good cook, too, so Jim asked her to be his very own "Special Cook" for the rest of her life. She accepted and October 1, 1927 they were married in Aberdeen, South Dakota. They started farming on the Hubbard farm, now owned by Lynn Voightman, (S.E. ½ of Sec. 2-129-60). They became the parents of 2 children, Karen and Howard.

They did much of their trading in Ludden at the Botts store and other business places at that time. The Ludden bridge was also built across the James River at this time and the bridge crew stayed in bunk cars in the Andersen farm yard.

The years to come were very difficult, prices poor, no rain, crops burned from drought, grasshoppers would eat what little would come through, but Jim and Alma were determined and persevered. The chickens provided eggs, and meat. They would sell eggs for 10¢ a dozen and bought a few staples such as flour and sugar. The pork and beef they raised provided a bountiful meal along with delicious homemade bread. They sold cream at the Ludden and Guelph cream stations and many cans of cream were shipped by train from the Guelph depot to Fairmount, N.D. and St. Cloud, Minnesota. The farm where they were living was sold to Alvert Jensen from Iowa the fall of 1935. They moved to the Guelph area and lived on the farm where Ray Burkhardt now lives, until it was sold to George German. In 1940 they moved to the Albert Pagenkopf farm until it was sold to Dan Cowley, moving then to the Linvill farm northeast of the Garth Holmes'. In 1943 they moved to the Oliason farm which is now owned by Tom Pahl. They enjoyed the Guelph community and preferred to keep their children enrolled in the school where they had started so one reason for not making a long distance move when the places they were living were sold.

Jim served on the Port Emma School Board many years, also the Guelph Shipping Association.

Finally the rains began to come and crops were raised, prices were better and they bought the Oscar Wold farm in Ada township, E. ½ of Sec. 3-129-61 where they continued to live and served in many capacities. They and their family were members of the United Methodist Church at Guelph.

Jim and Alma loved their family and friends. Their home always had the door open to friends and relatives. Their 8 grandchildren have fond memories of fun times with Grandma and Grandpa.

Jim passed away on September 17, 1965. His funeral was September 23 and on this day his good friend, Grover Howard passed away. The day of Grover Howard's funeral Tom Burkhardt another very good friend and neighbor was killed when the tractor he was driving tipped from the silage stack he was packing. These three deaths were a great shock to the close knit community of Guelph.

Alma lived in a mobile home in the yard of her son's home for 5 years. In 1970 she purchased Hannah Swanson's home in Guelph and has lived next to her daughter until September 1, 1982, when she decided to spend the winter months at the Good Samaritan Center in Oakes.

Alma has 1 living sister, Freda of Remer, Minnesota, who is 90 years old, and a host of friends and loving relatives that schedule part of their vacation and travel several hundred miles to visit her each year.

LARRY AND JANE ANDERSEN



Mr. and Mrs. Larry (Jane) Andersen

Larry J. Andersen, son of Howard and Joan (Vie) Andersen was born at Britton, S.D. on October 16, 1958. He attended school at Guelph until 1970 when Guelph consolidated with Oakes. He graduated from Oakes High School in 1976. Following high school he attended N.D.S.S.S. at Wahpeton for one quarter and then went into farming full time. He and his brother Terry farm with their father and Larry also raises hogs.

In March 1980 Larry purchased his grandmother, Alma Andersen's farm and has remodeled the farm house since then and has moved in a hog house and put in a hog unit.

Larry was married to Jane R. Forward on November 6, 1982. Jane is the daughter of Allen and Marge Forward and was born at Oakes, N.D. on September 16, 1961. The Forwards live on a farm north of Guelph. She also went to Guelph and Oakes schools, graduating in 1979. She attended Moorhead State College and graduated from there in May 1981. She was employed at Power Products in Fargo prior to her marriage.

Larry has 1 brother, Terry and 1 sister, Faye. Jane has 3 sisters, Mrs. Fred (Pat) Moore, Mrs. Newt (Mary) DeRaismes, Mrs. Randy (Cheri) Pearson and 4 brothers, Timothy, Jeffrey, Dennis and Brian.

TERRY AND VICKI ANDERSEN

Terry L. Andersen was born at Britton, S.D. on September 26, 1956 and is the son of Howard and Joan (Vie) Andersen. He attended schools at Guelph and Oakes, graduating from Oakes in 1974. He attended NDSU in Fargo for 1 year and then decided that farming was what he really wanted to do and started farming with his dad. In 1976 the Donald McGinns farm was purchased and that is where Terry and His family have resided.



Terri and Vicki Andersen



Jessica and Brad Andersen

He was married to Vicki Randol on May 28, 1976. She is the daughter of William and Carol Randol of rural Oakes. Vicki was born in Oakes on September 22, 1955 and was raised in the Oakes area. She attended school there and graduated in 1973. She attended college in Aberdeen for 1 year and also went to NDSU for 1 year.

Terry and Vicki are the parents of a daughter, Jessica born at Ellendale, N.D. on January 5, 1981 and a son, Brad David born December 10, 1982 at Ellendale, N.D. Jessica and Brad are most fortunate to have 9 living grandparents which include 4 great-grandmothers, 1 great-grandfather, 2 grandfathers and 2 grandmothers.

Terry has 1 brother, Larry and 1 sister, Faye. Vicki has one sister, Michelle.



Jessica Andersen and 9 grandparents. Back row, left to right - Mr. and Mrs. Bill Randol, Mrs. Lillian Randol, Mrs. Dagmar Schnoor, Mrs. Palmer Vie, and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Andersen. Front row - Mrs. Alma Andersen, Mr. Palmer Vie, and Jessica.

ARVID AND IDA ANDERSON

Arvid Anderson was born in Roahe, Finland, August 15, 1888. He came to New York in 1908. He spent some time in Ironwood, Michigan, and traveled several states. He came to the Ludden area in 1911. On June 24, 1915, he married Ida Jumisko. Ida was born in Calumet, Michigan, on February 21, 1891, to Eric and Ina Jumisko. She came to Ludden when she was a young child. They lived in the Ludden area and farmed.

Arvid died July 31, 1964. Ida resides at the Ellendale Nursing Center. There were seven children. Leonard, born August 20, 1916, died May 4, 1960. Lillian (Vojkuvka) born April 15, 1918. She and Frank live in LaMoure, North Dakota. In August, 1946, twin boys Phillip and Bruce Miller, came to live with them. Phillip now resides in Nevada. Bruce, his wife Marion, and their five children reside in Fargo, North Dakota. Marvin, born May 8, 1920 died March 20, 1970. His two children Sandy and Andy are in California. Ralph, born December 18, 1921, died January 13, 1983. His wife Delores, two sons, Dave and Mark are in Ludden. Steve is in the service, Cindy, her husband and three children reside in Valley City, North Dakota. Frank was born May 25, 1923. Frank and his wife, Mary Ann, live in Ludden. They have three daughters, Linda, Nancy and Brenda. Mae was born August 17, 1927. She married Walter Frohling of Hecla, South Dakota. They have seven children: five daughters, Phyllis, Betty, Renee, Deborah and Tamara; two sons, Jerry and Terry. Gerald, born January 19, 1932, lives in Ludden, North Dakota.

CARL FREDERICK AND BRIITA ANDERSON

Carl Frederick Anderson (Kauppila) was born in Raahe, Finland, in 1878. He shipped as a seaman aboard a freighter, and left the ship at a Texas port in 1893. From there he came to Ely, Minnesota, and in 1901 came to Ludden, North Dakota. He was employed by the Northwestern Railway Co. He married Briita Caroline Raisanen at Aberdeen, South Dakota, in 1910. Briita was born in 1880 and came to Hecla, South Dakota, in 1903. Of their five children two girls survived: Maria Ellen (Mrs. Sam Monarch) Chicago, Ill. and Lila (Mrs. Eddie Junttila) of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The Andersons lived along main street on the south side of the road, just west of what is now the Ludden Bar.

HENRY AND MAE ANDERSON



Henry (Hank) Anderson was born July 30, 1880 at Molde, Norway, coming to Minneapolis in 1889 with his folks. At the age of 17 he went by train to Ellendale to work in the harvest fields. He was hired by Tom McGinnis of Silverleaf and stayed on after the harvest as a hired man. Hank got his start in the elevator business, working at Silverleaf with Tom McGinnis in the Northwestern Elevator. In 1910, the Northwestern Elevator at Port Emma needed a manager and Hank went there for two years before transferring to the Northwestern Elevator at Guelph as Manager. In the following years the elevator changed names from Northwestern to Monarch to Peavey. In 1935 it was sold to the Guelph Farmers Elevator Co. as their west unit. After the sale of the elevator he worked as second man, when required, for the next 20 years.

From 1935 on, he was self-employed, doing carpentry, painting and light remodeling work in the community.

Mae Munch Anderson was born January 3, 1898 at Doran, Wisconsin. She answered an ad in a church magazine for a hired girl at Dennison's Boarding House (presently Roland Waite residence) and in 1915 came to Guelph. It was at Dennison's where she met Hank, who was one of the boarders. They were married at Aberdeen, South Dakota, September 17, 1917.

In 1922, Hank (along with John Schwarting) tore down an old blacksmith shop on some land Hank owned and built a house out of the salvaged lumber for Hank and Mae. The house was located southwest of the west elevator adjacent to some farm land they owned. This house was moved to Ellendale in the early '70's.

They both took part in many community projects. Hank being active in I.O.O.F. Lodge, while Mae was active in the Methodist Church.

Five children were born to them. Two boys died in infancy. The surviving children are: Lloyd, Gladys (Mrs. Lyle Squires) and Beverly (Mrs. George Papacek).

Hank passed away August 24, 1962 and Mae died April 7, 1980.

In the '20's, Hank, Willard Scott, and one other person decided to be the Pierce-Arrow Automobile Dealers in the Guelph Area. They bought three demonstrators, each partner getting one. Evidently they were not good salesmen, as they were unable to sell anyone else a car, so it was fortunate they had their regular jobs to keep paying their bills.

LLOYD AND BETTY ANDERSON



Lloyd and Betty Anderson

Lloyd Anderson was born at Guelph on March 9, 1929 to Henry and Mae (Munch) Anderson. All my elementary and high school education was at the Guelph School. While in high school, I also worked part-time at the Farmers Elevator, driving truck, doing bookwork and working as second man to provide me with spending money.

I was married to Betty Pfister at Omaha, Nebraska on July 24, 1965. We moved to Fargo in 1967. We have one daughter, Barbara Ann, who also lives in Fargo.

I was employed by Dickey County in the County Agents Office for two years and then spent 32 years with Western Electric Co. In those years I was based in Fargo, Minneapolis and Omaha, but worked telephone and micro-wave offices in a five state area. Most of my work consisted of installing, testing and up-dating Direct Distance Dialing facilities for AT&T and Northwestern Bell Telephone Co.

My hobby after 40 years is still model trains, a hobby which I enjoy more each year.

Raymond Alkofer and I used to haul pails of drinking water from Newman's well to the school each day. In the spring and fall, our trips sometimes got a little longer than usual. Everytime Raymond would see a gopher, being the hunter he was, it was a challenge to get the gopher out of his home. Our pails of drinking water would get dumped down the hole, and if lucky, a gopher would come out to add to Raymond's gopher tail collection. Of course, this would also require another trip to the well, so some days we were a little late for our first class. If the morning train was on time, a detour by the depot sometimes also hindered our progress.

EVE ANN MOORE ANDERSON



Warren and Eve Ann Moore Anderson family

I was born the oldest child of Jim and JoAnn Moore in 1946 at the Oakes Hospital. My grandparents were Fred and Eva Duffield of Birch Tree, Missouri and Frank and Maude Moore of Guelph, North Dakota. I have 3 brothers, James (Fred), John and Bill. My father farmed with grandpa and mom was a nurse, matter of fact, mom is still working as a nurse at the Ellendale Nursing Center. Dad is now retired. When I was very little, we lived with Grandpa and Grandma Moore. A couple of times my folks and I would spend the winter farm-sitting for the neighbors while they went away for the winter. So we would live in their house then and "keep the home fires burning". Dad moved in a house across the road from Grandpa's and then we moved over there. It was still close to Grandpa and Grandma's so we grew up spending much time with our Grandparents. Only problem was mom never knew when it came time for a meal, whether we were going to be home or not. Grandma always made enough for everybody and if it was something we liked, we stayed - if not, we went home.

I went to school for the first 6 years at little township schools. We went to the one 3 miles south of us for 5 years and 1 year at the school 3 miles west of us. That building isn't there anymore. School was so different in the little country schools than it was at Guelph School. Out there we only had 1 teacher for all the grades (1-8) so we had to share the school day with the other grades. We had plenty of time to study while the teacher worked with the other grades. I don't think there were many more than 15 of us in the whole shcool down south. At recess we all mostly played together, older and the younger "kids". There were 4 of us in my grade - Sheryl Hokana, Lois Youle, Gary Holmes and myself. When we moved over to the school west, there were even less in that school, and there were then only 2 others in my class-Gary White and Leland Morlock. There were only 2 girls in that school. The other girl was several years younger than I was, so we couldn't do much of anything together. We barely had enough to have a decent softball game, and our teacher had to play with us most of the time. I guess we did okay because we had fun. When you play ball with the boys, you learn to hit and catch a ball, or the first thing you know they don't want you to play, and when there isn't anyone else to play with at recess, it gets rather boring and dull. We had to help clean our own cloakroom and keep the school room neat and clean, too. And I do mean school room because we were all in one room. One could easily hear what the other grades were learning and doing. If you wanted to study, you learned to close out or ignore the many other sounds in the room. We had to bring our own noon lunches until finally the government sent out canned and dried foods for lunch. Then we older girls helped the teacher prepare and clean up afterwards, but we still had to bring our own milk. We also had to take turns bringing water for the water cooler because we didn't have running water there. We didn't have modern bathrooms either. Those 6 years we had only 3 teachers - Mrs. Martinson, Mrs. Edwards, and Mrs. Eddy.

When I had finished the 6th grade, they decided to close the little country schools and we got split up. Some of us went to Ellendale and the rest of us, my brothers and I, and the Youles, changed to Guelph.

You might think of Guelph School as a small one, which it is, but for us - it was big! There were many more "kids" to play and associate with. It was a new way of life for us. We still had only one teacher but we only had to share him with one other grade. There were still more students in the 7th and 8th grade than we had had in the whole school before. For the first few years we still had to bring our own milk, but we now had indoor plumbing and good hot meals at noon. Our cooks at Guelph were always very good and they cooked good food! Of course some meals were better than others. I always loved and remembered the days the cooks made home-made cinnamon rolls. There were always enough for everybody. If we timed it right, we could hit the lunch room for the leftovers on our way out to the buses at the end of the day. We got into the habit of checking the lunch room every afternoon just in case the cooks put out something. A roll, couple of cookies, cake, or a sandwich surely was good after a hard day of school. I started beginners band when we came . Since they didn't have any flutes in band, I learned to play one of them. I didn't like it much so I didn't practice as much as I should. I changed to a clarinet after while so I had to learn all over again how to run one of them. I enjoyed it, but I still didn't practice enough. Therefore I was no great clarinetist. I used to squeak alot and if it was going to happen, you can bet it would happen during a concert. I also sang soprano in our school chorus. No great voice, just average.

During the summer before my freshman year (1960) the Guelph community was hit by a great tragedy in the Beck family. John Beck and his 3 sons died. Our class lost the oldest Beck boy. Over the next 4 years, we lost a few more and gained only 1 more to our class.

When we hit high school our lives changed again. We had a few more teachers - Miss Oliason, Mr. Hvistendahl, and Mr. Ketterling, and we started moving from one class room to another. We were finally, most of the time, the only class in the room so we had no excuse for not hearing the teacher.

In my freshman year, I was surprised by a little baby brother, Billy Joe! I was a built-in babysitter for my mother until I left home.

During the summer of 1962 there was a fire at Guelph School. We lost the 7-8th grade, and high school classrooms. They had to make some changes fast. While they built a new school, they had to find a place for us 7-12th graders. They partitioned off most of the gym and made 4 classrooms for us. Now that was a different year! We had no home basketball games and it was plenty noisy at times, but we made it through and graduated. Our class of 1964 was the last class to graduate from the old Guelph School building because the next year the new building was done and the old one torn down. There were only 8 of us that graduated that year.

That September I started school at Wahpeton State School of Science. There I met my husband, Warren Anderson. He was born and raised in northern Minnesota. His mother, Ione and his father, Theodore, farmed near Fisher, Minnesota until his father died when Warren was 9 years old. They moved to Crookston, Minnesota then until his mother remarried Lenard Kneip of Ada, Minnesota. They moved to his farm where Warren started high school in Ada and graduated in 1964. We were married in 1965 and moved to Crookston, Minnesota. We had two children while we lived there - Kimberly Ann and Theodore (Ted). We moved to Fargo-Moorhead area in 1969. We had two more children while we were there. They are Todd Aaron and Shawna Raye. So we had 2 boys and 2 girls and we got it all done by the time we were 25 years old. It seemed like we were always in diapers and bottles, but we were still young enough to enjoy and handle them. We moved to Bemidji, Minnesota to work for Holsum Bread in 1973. While we lived there, we had a house fire. A tragedy occurred that is supposed to happen to others but never you! We lost our home, clothing and worst, our precious little 16 month old girl. We lived in a motel for a couple of months until we could find a place to live. We wanted to move closer to family, so we moved in with my folks at Guelph. We lived there about 6 months until we found a home in Oakes. My husband worked a short time for Shafer Seed in Oakes until he was able to get in at Land O' Lakes. Since he had worked at Valley Creamery in Crookston for years after we were married, it was the type of work he was used to. I also worked for 2½ years, at that time as a nurse's aide at the Oakes Hospital. Then I decided it was more important for me to be home with the children.

We have been married for 18 years and I have spent all but 2½ years of that working at home. I decided last year it is now the time, since our children are older and can take care of themselves quite well, for me to get out a little and do something for my sake. I started working at the Dairy Queen here in Oakes in October last fall. I really enjoy being out, talking to other people besides my little family. One problem is I've never done that type of work so I have much to learn. So far, my D.Q. cones just don't seem to have the right curly-q on top. But I'll get back in the swing and practice some more when they open up again in February.

We have been living here in Oakes now for 8 years. Our oldest child, Kim is 17 years old and will graduate next year from Oakes High, Ted is 15 years old and in the 8th grade, and Todd, the littlest, isn't so little anymore, is 12 years old and in the 5th grade. Matter of fact - I'm the shortest of the family already.

MARILYN WALLACE ANDERSON



William and Marilyn Anderson and daughter Katherine

Marilyn Wallace, the daughter of James and Mary Waite Wallace was born in Guelph, July 20, 1926. She has 2 brothers, James, of Brainerd, Minn., and Owen of Fessenden, N.D. She attended school in Guelph until 1941 when her family moved to Valley City, where she graduated from high school in 1944. She attended Valley City State Normal for a while. She cared for her father until he entered the Veteran's Hospital in Fargo where he passed away Nov. 16, 1947.

After her marriage to William Anderson-born in Valley City, Oct. 30, 1925--in Minneapolis (Dec. 19, 1947), they lived in Valley City until March of 1951 when they moved to Southern California where they resided in the Whittier area for 8 years. In 1959, they moved back to Valley City. Mr. Anderson is a building contractor and has built many beautiful homes.

They have 3 children. Their son, Terry, is in the banking business, and is employed by the First National Bank in Moorhead, Minnesota. He was married to Julia Forsberg of Oakland, California, on Sept. 18, 1969. They have 2 children.

Their son, Kerry, is route salesman for a frozen pizza concern in Valley City. He is also a band member of the Harbor Band which plays in Oakes occasionally. He was

married to Ilene Olson of Valley City on Oct. 11, 1975. They have 2 children.

Daughter Katherine is a junior at U.N.D., majoring in Speech Therapy.

Some recollections of Marilyn's early years in Guelph:

"I think it was my 10th or 11th birthday party that all the kids my age were invited to attend. I wanted a bicycle very badly and decided here was a good chance to make some money for one. So, I decided to charge each of my guests 10¢ as admission to my party. Everyone complied except one little boy who didn't have a dime. We girls then formed a human chain so that he couldn't be admitted. My very first of life's embarrassing moments!

"Also, I remember just before Christmas at the school, the teacher would pass out Christmas seals to each of us to sell at 1¢ each. We'd all run real fast down to the local stores, first to Lon Puffer who would always buy at least 3 from each child, and then on down the line to Grover's store, the Wallace Hardware, the other establishments as well as the elevators. Harry Newman would buy 1 from each of us.

"I also remember the excitement when the gypsies came to town every summer around June or July. Once they walked off with the big red coffee grinder from Ken Waite's store right when Ken was there, but was distracted by some of the group.

"Our big St. Bernard dog, Buck, was taken by them, and we were very depressed for about 3 weeks. Until one day he showed up bedraggled and in very emaciated condition. Apparently, he'd escaped and found his way home or maybe they couldn't afford to feed him and just let him go."

GORDON ANKENY



Gordon Ankeny and his mother, Evelyn Sandberg

I was born at Oakes, N.D., on July 1, 1938. My parents were Eugene and Evelyn Carlson Ankeny. My father was the main city mail carrier at the time of his death. He passed away in Jan., 1949. My mother was married to Carl Sandberg on Dec. 31, 1950, and we moved out to his farm at that time. My sister, Elaine, was in the second grade and I was in the seventh grade when we enrolled in the Guelph School after the Christmas holidays.

I graduated from Guelph High School in 1956. In the fall, I enrolled in the Aberdeen School of Commerce, and took a twelve month course in Senior Accounting. I audited the school books and brought the books at Seibrechts up to date from two years in arrears. I went to Albuquerque, New Mexico, in Sept. of 1957 to visit an aunt and uncle, and ended up working as a bookkeeper at the Albuquerque National Bank, and have continued to reside here since then. While I was employed at the bank, I went to Grants, New Mexico, and set up the books for a new bank there.

I served two years in the Army from March, 1962, to March, 1964. I kept the books for all of the equipment and car pools. After I received my discharge from service, I went back to work at the bank and then went to Los Angeles and Cleveland, Ohio, to study computers and have been a computer programmer since that time. I worked for the bank for several years. I am presently employed at GTE.

I belonged to two bowling leagues for several years, but have taken up square dancing. I belong to a Square Dance Group and am also taking advanced classes. I try to go to as many statewide and other state contests as I can, as I really enjoy doing this. I enjoy traveling and have taken my folks on several trips throughout the Southwest.

I am single. I have four sisters, Carol (Mrs. Don) Trebilcock of Aberdeen, S.D.; Elaine (Mrs. Herb) Rockne of Worthington, Minn.; Phyllis (Mrs. Ernest) Burnham of Minneapolis, Minn.; and Joann (Mrs. Richard) Johnson of Fargo, N.D., and one brother, Carl Sandberg, Jr., of Oakes, N.D.

LEROY AND ALMA BAGLEY



LeRoy Bagley family; standing, Paulette, Paul, Penny, Daryl, Pam. Seated, Alma and LeRoy.

Leroy bought the Backley farm in 1943, NE¼ of Sec. 26-129-60, in Lovell Township. He farmed the land but lived across the state line near Hecla, with his parents. In 1955, he married Alma Jackson at Fullerton, North Dakota. They moved a house from Ludden on the farm and lived there for just four years. Then they moved to his parents farm just across the state line and his parents, Earl and Lena, moved on their farm.

Lena passed away in 1968, and Earl (Grandad) moved to live out his years with Leroy and Alma on the home place near Hecla. They have five children. Penny Enquist lives in Oakes and has three girls. Pam Knecht of Yerrington, Nevada, Paul Bagley, Rapid City, South Dakota, Paulette Frohling of Rapid City, South Dakota and Daryl Bagley of Hecla.

FLOYD AND RAE BAKER



Floyd and Rae Baker

Floyd, the youngest son of Stanley and Cecile Baker, was born in Oakes in 1934, and upon the sale of the Baker farm in 1944, at the age of 10, he left the farm home with his parents for California. After graduating from Anaheim High School, he received the following degrees: his B.A. from U.C.L.A., a M.A. from California State University at Long Beach, and his Ph.D. from Claremont Graduate School in Astronomy and Education. He has taught Physics and Astronomy at Fullerton College for the past 22 years.

In 1959, Floyd married Rae Ramsbarger, a dentist, who has recently retired. They live in the old G.M. Baker Estate home, thus keeping these premises in the Baker name for over 60 years. Floyd and Rae love to travel and are looking forward to membership in the Travelers' Century Club, having traveled in almost 100 countries. This past year, the BAKER family, including Floyd and Rae, Leslie and Genevieve Baker, and Dave and Ruth Baker Prichard visited Mainland China. Floyd says farming has not entirely left his blood, as he and Rae have an interest in 320 acres of wine and table grapes in San Joaquin Valley.

GEORGE & DELILAH BAKER



George McKinzey Baker and wife Delilah

One hundred years ago, George McKinzey Baker, who was born in Ontario, Canada, in 1837 and his wife Delilah and family came to this area of North Dakota Nov. 2, 1883, from Guelph, Ontario, Canada. Together with their family of 6 children--John, George, Agnes, Arthur, Stanley, and Charles--(one boy Walton Ruben died in infancy in Canada), they homesteaded the N.E. ¼ 3-130-60 in Port Emma Township. All their children were born in Canada except their last daughter, Nina, who was born in Dakota in 1886.

John Everet was born in 1868. He married Mabel A. Foster in 1900, and they had one son, Floyd. As did his father, he homesteaded 160 A. of land in Lovell Township. After coming to California, he and Mabel were citrus ranchers, owning 10 A. of oranges in the Anaheim, California area.

George Nelson was born in 1871 and was 12 years old when he came to Dakota area with his parents. He married Theta Randall in 1901. They also moved to California and were citrus ranchers at Strathmore, near Bakersfield, California.

Agnes (see Will Daniels history).

Arthur William was born in 1875 and came from Canada with his parents to Dakota. He died at the age of 24 from a farm machinery related accident.

Stanley (See Stanley Baker history).

Charles Sandford (See Sandford Baker history).

Nina was born in 1886, the second daughter and only child of Geo. M. and Delilah Baker to be born after the family moved to Dakota. Nina attended college at Ellendale, where she met Arthur Hargrave, their marriage taking place at her family home in Guelph. She was a teacher in one of the local country schools.

After Arthur and Nina moved to California, she and her sister returned to North Dakota by train to get Ruth and Rahe, twins whom they were adopting, whose mother had died and who were living with their grandparents.

The Hargrave family lived in Anaheim for a time, he teaching at Anaheim High School in woodshop and

Nina being the high school librarian. After moving to Ontario, California, Arthur continued his teaching career at Chaffey Jr. College. Nina was very active in community and church activities until her death.

George joined the Presbyterian Church of Ellendale, where he remained active until his death at the home of his daughter Agnes in Oakes May 12, 1913. He is buried in the Ludden cemetery.

After the death of her husband, Delilah and her family moved to California, except Stanley and Charles. She purchased a home at 817 West Broadway, in Anaheim. This home, known as the Baker Estate, has always remained in the Baker name, presently being owned by Floyd and Rae Baker, her grandson and wife. Delilah died in 1924 in Anaheim.

HAROLD AND MARIE BAKER



Harold, Marie and Charmelle Baker

Harold G. Baker, born November 17, 1919 at Guelph, N.D., the eldest son of Charles Sanford Baker and Gena (Courtney) Baker. He has one brother, Leslie of Guelph and one sister, Ethel Gemar, Verona, N.D. He attended Port Emma grade school, Guelph High School, Ellendale State Normal & Industrial College, and University of Minnesota. He was married January 7, 1943 at Tampa, Florida, to the former Marie Hinschberger of Eckelson, N.D., daughter of Simon and Celia (Keating) Hinschberger. They have one married daughter, Charmelle Marie Pool, who resides with husband, Curt at 14313 Madison N.E., Bainbridge Island, Washington.

Harold is a veteran of World War II (1942-46) and had a career with the Federal Civil Service. He retired in 1976 as an Investigator with the U.S. Civil Service Commission following a total of 34 years of service. The Bakers have lived in Minneapolis, Minn. since 1946 and since 1950 at 5429 - 29th Ave. So.

The greatest claim to fame -- the only graduate of the class of 1937, a sure way of being valedictorian.

KENNETH & VIRGINIA BAKER

Kenneth, the son of Stanley J. and Cecile Baker, was born in Anaheim, California April 4, 1927, on his mother's birthday. When he was only 4 months old, the Baker family, including Ruth and William, returned to their farm in North Dakota. School days at the little country school and Guelph Consolidated School bring happy memories of times spent with Owen Wallace, Vernon Courtney, Babe Henninger, Lowell Barsten, Howard Royce, Billy Lund, the Rollo boys, who by the way came by for him in their old Durand car for school in Guelph. Who could forget Miss Lottie Puffer, who taught at this little country school--with her buttoned-up overshoes and wearing her heavy coat all day - and the good education all 11 pupils received from her? The Halloween weekends are also never to be forgotten.

For several years Kenneth visited winters in California with his family, and in the fall of 1944, on their final trip to California, after his parents' auction and sale of their farm, Kenneth, age 17, was stricken with the dread disease polio, resulting in the quarantine of their home. At that time there was not much known treatment for this disease. Kenneth was taken to Orthopedic Hospital, Los Angeles, where he remained for over a year, receiving hot packs (Sister Kenney method), and a foot operation. After his release from the hospital, he graduated from Whitney High School, Los Angeles. In 1950 he was employed by McDonald-Douglas, Long Beach, and is looking forward to retirement soon.

He married Virginia Mellow, a young girl from New York. They have two boys:

Kenneth Joseph, born in Anaheim in 1956, attended Police Academy after high school. He is a police officer in Brea and has his home in Ontario, Ca.

Perry Harrison, born in Anaheim in 1958, is well versed in mechanical and machine shop work and presently lives at home with his parents.

LESLIE & GENEVIEVE BAKER



Leslie and Genevieve Baker

Leslie and Genevieve (Scheffert) Baker live on a farm 3 miles east of Guelph near the old Baker homestead. Their youth and early years were spent in this area. Both went to college at the Normal Industrial School in Ellendale. Leslie taught school one year in 1940-41. On December 7, 1942 he was drafted into the army and served with the 71st Infantry division Regiment 14. He took his basic training at Camp Roberts in California and also attended Stanford University for 6 months and University of San Francisco for 3 months as training for the engineer corps. He served over seas in Germany, Austria and France for 14 months. He was discharged March 13, 1946 from Camp McCoy in Wisconsin. After service he started farming with his dad, Sanford Baker. They farmed together until his dad passed away in 1962 and Leslie continues to farm his parents homestead.

SANDFORD & GENA BAKER

Charles Sandford Baker was born in Canada in 1883. He moved to the Guelph area with his parents the same year. In 1911 he was united in marriage to Gena Maude Courtney. Four children were born to this union: Evelyn, Ethel, Harold and Leslie. His greatest hobby was playing the piano or banjo until the wee hours of the morning. Sandford enjoyed his close association with the I.O.O.F. Lodge. Gena was a devoted member of the Methodist Church and its Ladies Aid Society. Their farm was located 3 miles east of Guelph where the couple resided until their deaths in 1962 and 1957. Their son Leslie and wife now occupy the farm.



Sanford and Gena Baker

STANLEY & CECILE BAKER



Stanley and Cecile Baker

Stanley arrived in North Dakota at the age of 6 years when his family came from Canada in 1883. He completed his education and his college in Minneapolis in Business Administration. After the death of his father, George M. Baker in 1913, his mother Delilah and most of the family moved to Anaheim, California; however, Sanford and Stanley remained on the farm. Sandford owned land adjoining the family home and Stanley bought land one mile north. On October, 1914, he had a sale of personal property and farm machinery, livestock, etc., and spent his time between North Dakota and Minneapolis, where he played the grain exchanges, stock market, and attended college.

In 1919, Stanley married Cecile E. Loberger in Oconto Falls, Wisconsin. Their daughter Ruth was born in Minneapolis, where they lived for a couple of years before moving to Guelph. They had 3 more children: William Stanley, Kenneth Joseph, and Floyd Donald.



Stanley Baker family.

Life on the farm during these years bring memories of hard work in the fields with horses, sleighs for transportation for children to high scool at Guelph or holidays with relatives in winter, cold winters and blizzards--Cecile remarked they had not had their car out for over 6 months during one winter--the whole family stacking hay, Sunday dinners with the G.E. Baldwins and other friends and relatives, and last but not least the depression of the '30's and the grasshoppers.

In 1941, during one of their winter trips to California, Stanley purchased a home in Los Angeles, primarily so Ruth and William, who were then living in California, would have a place to live and to provide for themselves a winter home. During these years of World War II, the Baker residence in Los Angeles was a home to several North Dakota young people and friends, who went to the city for work in defense plants--Ruth and William Baker, Inez and John Lund, Avis Beeler, Stella Konkler, Lee Wittwer and others. Margaret Henninger (Durand) was also in California at this time and joined the "18th Street" bunch for fun and parties. Ruth worked for the F.B.I. in Los Angeles during these years.

In the fall of 1944, Stan and Cecile decided to move to California permanently. They sold their land, had their farm auction, and with Kenneth and Floyd left for California. Stanley and Cecile loved California, he was often heard to say that he "would rather live in California on soup and water than in North Dakota on the fat of the land." Stan, Cecile and Floyd moved to Anaheim in 1947 where they lived the remainder of their lives.

Stanley enjoyed reminiscing with his old-time friend, Allen Withee, also from the Guelph area, about how hard times were and how they would both end up in the "poor house," and politically the effect of the not so complementary "Roosevelt" years. He further enjoyed his California retirement with daily trips to the Park, playing checkers and horseshoes, in which he and Allen Withee were both "pro's."

Cecile died in Anaheim in 1955 at Thanksgiving time at the age of 60; Stanley, together with his son Floyd, continued living at the home place until his death in 1961 at the age of 84.

WILLIAM & GLADYS BAKER

William, the son of Stanley J. and Cecile Baker, was born Aug. 5, 1922, in Oakes. He has one sister, Ruth Pritchard, and two brothers, Floyd and Kenneth. When not at the little country school, he enjoyed hitching his pony to a buggy, riding his horse to Royce's or Baker's, or playing with his dog, "King." In particular, when work in the fields was slow, he recalls his dad always kept him busy "picking nails," which were on the grounds around the house, barn, or garage as a result of tornadoes or repairing machinery.

After graduation from Guelph High School in 1940, he joined his sister in California and attended L.A. City College for 2 years, while working part-time ushering in a theater. After spending the winter of 1943 on his dad's farm, he joined the Merchant Marine in Nov., 1944, and served for 2 years. During the post-war period, William worked in various aircraft plants, and for the past 22 years has been employed by Hughes Aircraft.

He married Gladys Cameron June 2, 1951 and continued to live at 18th Street until the Santa Monica Freeway took their property in 1954-55. They then moved to Woodland Hills in the Valley.

William and Gladys have 4 children: Linda June, born in Los Angeles in 1953, married Jerry Plummer in 1978, an engineer for Litton Industries. She works as a secretary for Hughes Aircraft.

William Randolph, born in Los Angeles in 1954, married Hildagarde in 1976, and are both attending Berkeley University.

Larry Stanley, born in 1960, and Daniel Robert born in 1962, have both won several trophies in Motor Cross Racing. Larry has a professional interest in motorcycles and Danny works in engineering at Hughes Aircraft.

GROVER BALDWIN FAMILY

Grover Baldwin and his wife, Esther Schrader Baldwin, were both early settlers of Lovell and Port Emma townships. Grover came with his parents, Byron and Laura Baldwin, and his three brothers, Royal, Lloyd and Dorsey from a farm in Iowa in 1906. They arrived in Ludden on a freight train with all their belongings which included horses, cattle, machinery and their household goods and moved to the present Baldwin farm 2½ miles south of Ludden bridge on highway #1-E½ of 23-129-60. Grover's father died a few years after they arrived and as Grover was the eldest child, the responsibility of the management of the farm came at an early age. Grover was married to Esther Schrader at Ludden in September of 1915 and following their marriage they lived on the Baldwin family farm, 2½ miles south of Ludden. Royal Baldwin who was married in North Dakota died in 1918 during the flu epidemic leaving his wife and 2 children, all living in California. In the early twenties, Grover and Esther moved on the Schrader farm in Port Emma township which was located ½ mile north of the Ludden bridge on the west side of the James River - SE¼ of 2-129-60. While living there, brothers Lloyd and Dorsey managed the Baldwin farmstead. Lloyd was married to Minnie Pannebaker and to this marriage 2 children were born, Kathryn and Bryce all living in California. Lloyd died in October of 1982.

Dorsey was married to Marie Simmons and to this union 2 sons were born. Mrs. Dorsey Baldwin died shortly after the children were born. Dorsey remarried and they later moved to Detroit, Michigan, where he was employed by the Ford Motor Company for many years. Dorsey died in 1977.

Other families also lived on the Baldwin farm while Grover and Esther were living on the Schrader farm namely: Mr. and Mrs. Emil Hokana, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bailey and Mr. and Mrs. Toivo Wattula. In 1928 Grover and Esther moved back to the Baldwin farm and continued to live here until they moved into Oakes in 1964. They had two sons - Maurice and Donald. Maurice has lived in California all of his working years and he and his wife, Lucy, have 5 children - Dennis, Bruce, Brian, Lee and Mrs. Steve Stefanki, all in the San Francisco area. Donald, a partner of Haugen-Baldwin Furniture and Funeral Homes, lives in Oakes. He married the former Gerogia Pederson and they have 3 children - Dr. Brad Baldwin who married Diane Doty of Ludden, and they live in Des Moines, Ia., Susan of Phoenix, Arizona, and Robert of UND at Grand Forks, North Dakota. Larry Thorpe of Guelph now farms the Baldwin farm as the land has remained in the family.

The Schrader family arrived in Ludden in 1905 in the same manner as the Baldwin family with their total possessions on a freight train with the exception they originated from Nebraska. William and Anna Schrader had three daughters - Esther, Vera and Irene. In 1919 Mr. Schrader sold the farm and bought a home in Denver, Colorado. However, he was forced to take the farm back as the buyer was unable to make the payments. The Schraders continued to live in Denver. Vera married Frank Lore and live in Colorado. They have one daughter, Harriet. Irene lived in Denver, never married and took care of her mother until her mother's death in 1954. Leo German bought the farm in 1958.

ADOLF BARKE

By Margaret Barke Bohnenkamp



Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Barke and Margaret

My parents, Adolf and Ernestina Barke, and I came to live in Guelph in 1932. We had lived in Cleveland, Ohio, where I was born Dec. 5, 1927. My father had purchased the Blacksmithing equipment from Mr. Wm. Burrow. I went to school in Guelph through the 5th grade. We, then, moved to Milnor, N.D., where my father had a Blacksmith Shop. My father passed away in December, 1957, and my mother in Sept. 1963. I graduated from Milnor High School in 1945 and went to Summer School in Ellendale, N.D., and then taught rural school 5 miles west of Milnor for 3 years. I was then employed by R.S.R. Electric Cooperative, Inc., of Milnor for 7½ years. I married Peter Bohnenkamp of Milnor, N.D., on April 11, 1950. My husband was employed by the Wild Rice Soil Conservation District, and when they moved their headquarters to Forman, N.D., in 1955, we moved there and have resided there since.

DENNIS AND JoANN BARSTEN



Dennis and JoAnn Barsten, Valerie and Jeremy

Dennis Barsten was born February 28, 1947 in the hospital in Britton, S.D. to Emil and Dorothy Schultz Barsten. He has no brothers or sisters.

After completing high school at good 'ole Guelph High School in 1965 Dennis completed college at the University of North Dakota - Ellendale Branch. He feels fortunate to have completed school in both locations as both schools closed shortly after he graduated - - - or both schools gave up on education after trying to educate him!

He taught school for two years then lectured on atomic energy for Oak Ridge Associated Universities before going on to graduate school at the University of Minnesota. Here two events took place: 1. He graduated with a Masters degree in radiation protection (No they didn't close the school - - - yet!) and 2. He met his future wife JoAnn Carol Nelson, the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Alton E. Nelson of St. James, Minn. She has 2 brothers, Rick of Hartford, Conn. and Ralph of Pullman, Wash.

Since their marriage in 1974 they have moved every two years except 74-76 in which time they moved three times. "If practice means anything, we're getting good at moving," JoAnn says.

The last six years Dennis has worked for the Dow Chemical Co. of Midland, Mich. The last four years he has held jobs in Dow's agricultural chemical division and is currently a product sales manager within the new products group.

JoAnn and Dennis have two children, Valerie Christine, age 5 and Jeremy Ryan, age 2.

Dennis has fond memories of Guelph. One of the lasting memeories is of a Halloween night when he, Mick German and the Beck boys (Jim and Jerry) decided to spend Halloween in Guelph. Of course they were only there to "protect the town" from outside intrusion. The "guardians" of Guelph chose to place a sign so that any intruders would know that Guelph was well guarded. A sign of this nature must be put in a location where all can see. No better place than in town on top of the school! It's not easy to get a teeter-totter and a number of haybales on top of a school with only a ladder. This proved easier than the old school bell which was balanced on top of the edifice.

Later that evening if Maynard "Ket" Ketterling, the Coach and Principal of GHS had only "kept his head up" as he was wanting to tell his basketball players, he would have noticed "the guardians" keeping watch on top of the gymnasium as he drove around below - looking for intruders in the Guelph territory. He really needn't have worried with such loyal "protectors of the town" on duty!

EMIL AND DOROTHY BARSTEN

My mother's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Myron Puffer taught school in both New York state, their birth place, and Manasha, Wis. where they were married in 1868. In 1883 they immigrated to Dakota Territory with their children - Lorenzo (Lon), Lewis and Nellie, my mother.

One of the few memories of my grandmother was the time she chased me under the bed with a broom. I have no idea what I had done to deserve that (but no doubt I did), I probably was only 3 or 4 years of age because I wasn't quite 5 when she died. She was of Puritan stock and had firm convictions of right. She lived these convictions under the sever pressure of pioneer days. "Cummunities where she lived soon knew that she loved the Sabbath and believed in its holy observance." (Copied from her obituary). At a special service in ;the M.E. Church in the 1920's the visiting speaker gave my grandmother credit for his conversion and call to the ministry. I'm sure she has a "star in her crown."

My grandfather, a veteran of the Civil War in Co. G- the 22nd Regiment, took part in Sherman's March to the Sea, was captured in the South and spent some time in Libby prison.

My only recollections of him are that he walked very slowly due to hardening of the arteries and the corn cob pipe he carried in his mouth which was usually upside down.

The tornado of 1921 is very vivid in my mind. We had gone into the cellar to escape it. The water came pouring in through a crack around a window until our feet were getting wet. I have no idea how long we stayed down there, but upon hearing a loud pounding on the outside door, we went upstairs. Richard McGivern was there. He had come to find out how we had weathered the storm. Richard McGivern told me that Willard Scott, Truman Root, Fred Dickey, James McGivern, Richard McGivern, Maylon Waite, and Clifford Way were in Waite's restaurant when the storm started. They thought a safer place would be in the ice house east of the restaurant so proceeded to go there. The wind was so strong the building was lifted from the foundation. They all grabbed the walls and in some way managed to hold it down as sort of a protection. John Schwarting was in his garage south of the IOOF Hall. The garage collapsed and John was blown east of the Farmers Elevator, so the tale goes. In any event he had to crawl home. A steel bin full of flax north of the bank which belonged to Sylvanus Waite was flattened--the

flax a total loss. No other major damage was done to buildings in Guelph but the elevator at Port Emma had been lifted off its foundations, carried over the telegraph wires and set down on the other side of the tracks.

My mother, Nellie Puffer, taught rural schools near home, mostly in Hudson, Ada and Norway Townships. The salary was very meager. When she taught in Hudson School Dist. #10, School #3 in 1898, she received $24 a month. Later she received slightly more. Teachers in those days had to build their own fires and sometimes haul drinking water. My mother would ride a bicycle to school if the weather was favorable, other times she used a sled called a "pung" pulled by one horse.

In 1914 she married Wm. Schultz who had come to the Guelph area in 1903 emigrating from Germany. He had wanted to be a blacksmith as a young man, but as he wasn't strong, his mother urged him to become a cobbler. He spent four years learning the trade and working as an apprentice. Since Guelph had no shoe shop, in his spare time from his main occupation of farming, he would repair the shoes of the town's people. Also before Guelph had running water, he hauled water with a large tank pulled by horses. He



Emil and Dorothy Barsten and Dennis

would get the water from Hauser's artesian well south of town and fill the cisterns which nearly every family had. This was not a pleasant task in the cold winter months, the season when the cisterns would be empty of the summer's supply of rain.

Another memory of Guelph is the good times we had in Puffer's Grove. Amos Waite had constructed a merry-go-round from a 2"x12" plank approximately 12 ft. long. With a post set in the ground and the plank on top of it, four or six of us youngsters could sit on it comfortably while one or two in the center would push it around. It was surprising how fast it would go, also surprising how hard it would hit one if one happened to be too close as it whirled. Many picnics were held there by various organizations for at least 30 years--also camp meetings and family picnics. Grandfather Puffer had planted these trees. Since there were no native trees growing in the area, this was a special beauty spot.

Mrs. Herb Van Meter was the 4-H leader of a group of us girls in 1930. Florence White and I were chosen to go to Fargo as delegates to a convention. It lasted 5 days and was surely a red letter day in our young lives. We stayed in the dormitory at the Agriculture College (NDSU today) and attended many activities on campus.

Then the "dirty thirties" came with the dust and grasshoppers. I worked on a W.P.A. project repairing books for the school for several months.

My brother Myron bought the cream station and a model T pick-up from Roderick Von Eschen, who had gone to California. He bought cream for Beatrice Creamery of Aberdeen, but as prices were controlled by North American Creameries in this territory, he couldn't compete with Minnesota creameries. Many of the farmers shipped their cream on the Great Northern. Grover Howard and Ted Jensen were also buying cream so no one got rich in that business.

When Myron left to "seek his fortune" in California as many others did in those days, I took over the cream station. Beatrice Creameries sold out to North American and the price we could pay improved some as did the business.

A good looking young man, who lived west of town with his sister Inga, used to bring his cream to me, and although I had thought I would never like to be a farmer's wife, in 1940 Emil Barsten and I were married.

Being a farmer's wife was a new experience, believe me! It was one I thoroughly enjoyed most of the time from then until 1972 when we sold our farm which was located on section 8 in Kent township and moved to Oakes. Our first farm we had traded for a Firestone Store in Clear Lake, SD in the spring of 1949. We lived there for 6 months then sold the store and returned to Guelph and stayed there a year before buying the farm in Kent which had been owned by Mrs. Van Meter's brother.

During World War II farming wasn't the easiest. It was nearly impossible to buy tires, gas, machinery and many other items. Help was hard to get also, so I learned to help with the plowing, dragging, drilling, shocking grain and other chores about the farm as did many other farm women.

In 1947 a bouncing baby boy came to join us and change our living habits as most offsprings do by demanding attention at all hours of day and night especially when they have measles, mumps, broken limbs or rheumatic fever that Dennis had when he was 6 years old. He was burned quite badly when he was 9 years old when he and a neighbor friend tried to start a bonfire with gasoline. However, he overcame all obstacles and was able to live a normal boyhood life.

We have spent several winters in New Mexico in hopes the climate and mineral baths would help Emil's arthritis, an infirmity he's been troubled with for many years. This year we are in California enjoying the sunshine, but we miss our neighbors and home in North Dakota.

Emil, the son of Anton and Randi Olsen Barsten, was born Oct. 18, 1904, at Fullerton. He has 3 brothers--John of Tucson, Ariz., Oswald of LaMoure, and Adolph, deceased, and 3 sisters--Inga (Mrs. Wayne Wentzel) of Franktown, Col., Bertha (deceased) and Mamie (deceased).

Dorothy, the daughter of Wm. and Nellie Puffer Schultz was born in Guelph, Aug. 1, 1912. She has a brother, Myron, who lives in Rosemead, Calif.

ERNEST BARSTEN



Ernest Barsten

I think we arrived on the Guelph scene in April, 1934. We moved from the H.J. Johnson farm 7 miles east of Oakes to the Harry Maddock farm. I completed the 8th grade at the little school next to Stan Baker's farm. My parents' names were Adolph and Elizabaeth Barsten. I have one brother, Lowell. Both parents are now deceased.

After graduation from Guelph High, I worked at various jobs until spring of 1940 when I went to work for Blazer and Davidson grocery in Oakes until I went in the Army the first of April 1941. After war was declared, I went to Alaska and the Aleutian Islands from May '42 to May '44. Then on to Europe in March of '45--returning in July '45. I was discharged in Sept. 1945.

In 1946 I went to the trade school--J.M. Perry Institute in Yakima, Wash. I went to work for the school as a junior instructor until June of 1950 and then on to other things.

I have one son in Tieton, Washington, (near Yakima) and one in Las Vegas, Nevada.

On Jan. 1, 1982, I retired from the Peshastin-Dryden School District here in Peshastin, Wash., after 13½years' service.

My son in Tieton, Wash., is married and has 1 daughter 3½ years old.

I am a member of the Veterans of Foreighn Wars, the Sons of Norway Lodge, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and the jWashington Old Time Fiddlers. I keep busy playing in nursing homes, retirement centers, and anything else that comes along.

LOWELL AND ANNA BARSTEN



Four generations: Great Grandpa Adolph Barsten holding Cohen, son of Lynne Barsten, left, and his father Lowell Barsten, son of Adolph.

Lowell, the son of Adolph and Elizabeth Jennings Barsten, was born June 7, 1926, at LaMoure, ND. His father was born a twin on April 20, 1893, to pioneers of the area, Anton and Randi Barsten who had settled in the area in 1886. Adolph's twin sister died at birth. Adolph passed away Feb. 22, 1980. Elizabeth, Lowell's mother, was born Dec. 7, 1892, near Hamel, MN. She passed away March 7, 1953.

Lowell came with his parents and brother to the Guelph area about 1934, moving on to the Harry Maddock farm and then to Guelph. He attended grade school there.

In 1942, he moved with his parents to Wenatchee, Wash. August 21, 1944. He was drafted and served in the U.S. Army Air Force until Oct. 16, 1946. He returned to Wenatchee and went back to school. He graduated from Wenatchee High School in 1947. After further schooling, he worked as a radio announcer for 2 years.

June 7, 1952, he married Anne Palamarchuch, the daughter of Wasyl and Justina (Witwicki) Palamarchuch, in LaMont, Alberta, Canada. Her father was born in Ukraine and her mother was born in Austria. Her parents and grandparents homesteaded in Canada in 1897. Her father passed away in 1955 and her mother died in 1975. She had 6 brothers and 5 sisters.

In 1952, Lowell began working for the state of Washington, first with the Employment Security Dept., and then for the State Patrol. He returned to the Employment Security Dept. in 1956. After 30 years of employment with the state, he retired May 31, 1982.



Lowell Barsten family. Front row, left to right, Carol Barsten Sether, Cheryl Barsten Harvey, Debra Adams Barsten, Anne Barsten, Jerrald Barsten. Back row: Fred Harvey, Lynne Barsten, and Lowell.

Lowell and Anne have 4 children: Lynne, Cheryl, Carol and Jerrald--all born in Wenatchee. Lynne was born April 19, 1953 and married Debra Adams of Wenatchee. They have 2 children: Cohen, born Aug. 29, 1979, and Lindsey, born April 13, 1982.

Cheryl was born April 3, 1956, and married Fred Harvey of Wenatchee. They have one child, Sheena, born July 16, 1982.

Carol was born December 29, 1957, and married Dale Sether of Wenatchee on May 1, 1982.

Jerrald was born June 16, 1960, and is single.

DALE AND JEANETTE BAST

Dale Bast was born April 14, 1926 in Dawson, Minnesota. Dale lived in Guelph with his parents, Reverend and Mrs. M.H. Bast from 1933 to 1937 while his father served as pastor of the Holiness Methodist Church in Guelph.

He married Jeanette Arndt, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R.H. Arndt of Paynesville, Minnesota June 5, 1945. Jeanette was born June 3, 1926 in Paynesville. They have 3 daughters: Marilyn Kay married July 22, 1978 to Phil Kofron of Austin, Minnesota. They reside in Minneapolis. Susan Kay was married July 21, 1975 to Robert Arend of Juliet, Ill. Patti Kay was married Nov. 29, 1980 to Michael Shindler.

WILLIAM AND ROSALIE BAUER



William Bauer Family; back row: Larry, Pat, Sue, Steve, Jim. Middle row: Rosalie, Bill, Bill, Jr. Front row: Kristy, Sandy.

Rosalie Schwarting, oldest daughter of John and Essie Schwarting of Guelph, ND and Bill Bauer were married in Santa Monica, CA in April, 1943. They moved back to North Dakota the same year and Bill became teacher-coach-principal at the Guelph High School for the next five years. Bill J. and Larry were born during these years. In 1949 the Bauer family moved to Ellendale where Bill finished his education at the State Normal Industrial College. Bill accepted the Superintendant's position at the Nortonville Public School in 1950. In 1951 Bill, Rosalie and family moved to Cheyenne River Agency where both Rosalie and Bill were employed by the B. I. A. Education Programs.

During the next several years Bill attended summer school at the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks and graduated with a Masters Degree in Education in 1957. After moves to Tama, Iowa, and Shawano, Wisconsin, the Bauer family moved to Minneapolis where Bill was employed by the B. I. A. area office in the Vocational Training Programs. In 1970 Bill accepted the position of Director of the B. I. A. office in Milwaukee, Wi. and served in that capacity until his retirement in January 1977.

While living in Wisconsin Rosalie was employed seasonally with the Cedarburg, Wisconsin H & R Block Income Tax Office. Rosalie died in April 1976 while the family was in Wisconsin. Bill is retired and living in Plymouth, MN, a suburb of Minneapolis.

The Bauer children include: Bill J., married and living in Minneapolis, Larry, married and living in Minneapolis, Patti, married and living in Minneapolis, Susan, single and living in Minneapolis, Steve, married and living in Felton, California, Jim, single and living in Minneapolis, Kristy, single and living in Minneaspolis, and Sandy, single and living in Felton, California.

Rosalie was born in Guelph and educated in the Guelph School. She taught in the Dickey County rural school system; notable in the Fullerton-Guelph area. She was a graduate of the Guelph High School and

also held a teaching degree from the N.I. at Ellendale, ND. While living in Guelph, she and Bill and their boys enjoyed the close community relationship developed through the school and community activities.

JACOB AND ANNIE BAUMCHEN



Jacob and Annie Bauchmen

Jacob was born in Germany and came to Minnesota with his parents at the age of 5. He resided in St. Paul, Minn. until his late teens when he moved to Guelph, N.Dak. where he was engaged in farming. Oct. 13, 1913, he married Annie Oliason. He had been previously married to her half sister, Theresa, who had passed away in 1912. Annie was born in Tenneskjaer, Norway, and came with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Oliason, to the United States at the age of 3.

They farmed in the Guelph area until the fall of 1916, when they sold their property and moved to a warmer climate in Idaho because of Mrs. Baumchen's health. Three children were born to them: Clifford, who was born at Guelph April 5, 1915 and passed away in Boise, Idaho at the age of 4, and Evelyn and Clarice.

GERRY AND CINDY BECK



Gerald and Cindy Beck

Time certainly flies by, it's hard to imagine that almost 16 years have come and gone since I graduated from Guelph High School in the class of 1967.

For the next three years following graduation from high school I continued to reside at home with my parents, Walt and Esther, helping on the farm and commuting to college in Ellendale.

Several of the Guelph people pooled together and took turns driving to school. As a matter of fact, at one time my mother, my brother Jim, and myself were all enrolled in Ellendale at the same time. Not everyone gets to go to school with his mother.

After graduation from UND-Ellendale Branch with an Associate of Arts Degree I transferred to UND in Grand Forks where I received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Industrial Technology in 1971.

Attending the university afforded me the opportunity to spark an interest in aviation. I joined the UND Parachute Club and continued on to make some 400 sky-dives before retiring from the sport.

The next three years were spent teaching industrial arts at Red River High School in Grand Forks. The summers were spent sky-diving, flying, scuba diving, mountain climbing, and usually working in construction or welding to support these habits. After three years I realized that teaching wasn't quite exciting enough for me and came back home to Guelph to help Dad on the farm and try to decide my destiny.

On August 1, 1974, I started an aerial spraying service and aircraft maintenance facility at the municipal airport in Wahpeton, North Dakota. This business was instituted with nothing more than a rented airplane, in a rented building, with my tool box. The business has since expanded to include an aerial spraying fleet of four aircraft, flight instruction and rental with four aircraft, a full time maintenance shop employing four mechanics, a manufacturing division building accessories for agricultural aircraft, and several other interesting sidelines. Tri-State Aviation now employs a total of 9 personnel and occupies approximately 25,000 square feet of office, shop, storage and warehouse area.

A new partner was taken into the business on February 14, 1982. Cindy Schreiber, a farm girl from Foxhome, Minnesota, became my wife on that date. Cindy, a speech and language clinician, is now actively involved with the firm. She does everything from loading the sprayers to punching the computer and is also learning how to fly.

Our latest endeavor is the restoration of a World War II fighter plane. It is a two thousand four hundred and fifty horse F4U-4 Corsair. At this time there are fewer than twelve of these aircraft still flying in the world. Our Corsair came out of the jungles of Honduras. Parts for this plane are rather hard to come by, in fact, we spent a week in the fall of 1982 searching out, climbing into, and salvaging an aircraft ;of this type whose wreckage had been lying for 31 years at 12,000 feet in the mountains of northern California. Our hopes are that this project will be completed in approximately two years.

As you can see time has flown by for me since I left the Guelph area. I have accumulated somewhere over 6000 hours in the air, the majority of which were spent spraying crops. I feel I owe much to the people and

community of Guelph for that is what prepared me for the success I now enjoy.

JAMES BECK FAMILY



James Beck family; Diane, Sarah, Laura and James

James (Jim) and Diana Beck reside in Gretna, Neb.--near Omaha. They have 2 daughters: Sarah (born Oct. 7, 1976) and Laura (born Nov. 15, 1978).

Jim is employed by Union Pacific Railroad Company as Manager of Employee Communications. In this capacity, he co-ordinates internal communications activities for Union Pacific Railroad and that company's recently acquired Missouri Pacific and Western Pacific Railroads.

A 1965 graduate of Guelph High School, Jim was also graduated cum laude from the Univeristy of North Dakota Grand Forks in 1970. He holds a bachelor's degree in journalism and was named the Outstanding journalism Graduate of his class.

In 1970, Jim moved to Omaha to accept a position in the public relations department of Western Electric Company. After holding several postions there, he entered Union Pacific Railroad's Officer Training Program in 1973.

In 1972, Diana Maul of Millard, Neb., and Jim were married.

Other activities and involvements include:

1975--Jim was among the first 20 individuals in the United States to be accredited by the International Association of Business Communicators.

1978--Jim compiled and published Rail Talk: a Lexicon of Railroad Language through his own publishing company, James Publications.

1980--Rail Talk enters its second printing.

The Becks are members of and actively involved in the Word of Life Alliance Church located in Gretna, Nebraska.

Jim is the son of Walt and Esther Beck of Guelph. He has a brother, Gerry of Wahpeton.

Diana is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Maul of Gretna, Neb. She graduated from Millard, Neb. High School in 1967. After graduation, she worked in the Policy and Loan Dept. for Mutual of Omaha for 5 years. Later she worked for International Harvester for 4 years in the Policy and Loan Dept.

As a hobby, Jim enjoys wood working. He also has an avid interest in Civil War history and has a collection of Civil War firearms and memorabilia. The family enjoys sailboating.

WALTER BECK FAMILY



The Becks; back row: James, Diana, Cindy, Gerald. Front row: Walter, Esther, Laura and Sarah

When the Emigrant train braked to a halt in Oakes, ND, in the spring of 1910, among its passengers were Henry Jordon Beck, his wife, Mary Marie (Kramer), and their five children, Helen, Christine, Walter, Hannah and Arthur. In two emigrant cars were all the family's possessions as they were about to begin a new life on the Dakota prairies of Dickey County.

This was not Henry's first trip to the Dakota's as he had journeyed to North Dakota in the fall of 1909 and on that trip he had purchased the Southwest 1/4 of section 2, Kent Township (located northwest of Guelph). It was to this property with its frame house and barn that he was returning to make a new home for his family.

At the time of the move to Dickey County from Peterson, Iowa, Walt Beck was a lad of six years.

About one month after their arrival, a daughter, Ruth, was born to the Henry Beck family. She was followed sometime later by the birth of another son, John, to complete the family. In 1911, a granary was built on the farm site, and in 1914 a new and larger home was erected to accommodate the growing family.

This was not the first move for the Beck family. Henry had immigrated from Denmark to the United States with his parents, the John Jordan Becks, in 1893. They first settled near Burlington, Iowa, and later moved to Spencer, Iowa, and finally Peterson, Iowa. While still single and before moving to North Dakota, Henry worked as a machinist ;for the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad. In the depression that followed, Henry lost his railroad job and traveled to Brazil where he worked on a ranch before returning to Iowa.

At about the same time that the Beck family was moving to North Dakota, George William Ravenstein and Jennie Gustava Johansen were married in 1907 in Ellendale, ND. Both came from families that by now were second generation North Dakoans. Jennie was the daughter of Hans Johansen, who immigrated to the United States from Oslo, Norway, with his wife, Sorina and their children Lizzie, Emma, Hilda, Henry, Albert, Jennie, Agnes and Alpha. Jennie was born in the United States.

Anton Ravenstein immigrated to the United States from Germany and settled in Wisconsin with his wife, Elizabeth. The Anton Ravenstein's moved to Dakota Territory in 1884 homesteading northwest of Guelph, with their son, George William and daughter Eva. In 1891 the family moved to Ellendale, ND.

William Ravenstein farmed near Guelph for a time after his marriage to Jennie Johansen, a teacher in the Glover school, in 1907. After a few years, the Anton and William Ravensteins moved to Saskatchewan, Canada, where two children were born: Howard G. and Esther June. In 1927, however, Jennie died and William Ravenstein sold his farm and moved his family back to Ellendale where the family lived with their maternal grandmother, Sorina Johansen, and the children obtained their education at Ellendale High School and the Ellendale State Normal and Industrial College. Esther obtained her degree in education, Howard in electrical engineering, finishing at University of Minnesota. Esther taught in one room schools of Grand Valley and Ada Townships before accepting a position in the Guelph School where she taught the fifth through eighth grades. It was there that she met Walter Beck who farmed near Guelph. After a two year courtship, they were married in 1942 at Oakes in the parsonage of Saint John's Lutheran Church.

This marriage produced three sons: Robert John (1945), who died in infancy, JamesHoward, (1947) now residing near Omaha, and Gerald Steven (1949) of Wahpeton, North Dakota.

Walter became one of the first farmers in Hudson Township to convert his farming operation to the sole use of tractor power, his first tractor being a 1530 International. During his early years as a farmer, land was plentiful to rent and Walt rented in the vicinity of Guelph. In the early 1940's he purchased his first quarter section for the price of $450. Unbeknown to him at that time, that quarter section (SW¼ of Section 19, Hudson Township) had been homesteaded by Esther's grandfather, Anton Ravenstein, in 1884 and had now returned to the family.

In 1976 Walt retired from farming. Esther retired from the Guelph Public School system in 1978 after 26 years teaching the children of North Dakotans.

CURTIS AND IDA BECKER

Ida, the daughter of Louie and Julie Fredrick, attended Guelph High School and graduated from there in 1952. After graduation, she attended School of Commerce in Aberdeen for a short while. Then she went to work in the Harbor Cafe in Aberdeen where she met Curtis Becker. They were married in 1954. They continued to live in Aberdeen for 5 years. In 1959 they moved to Rapid City, S.Dak. where they owned and operated the Chuck Wagon Cafe for 13 years. In 1980, they moved to Mobridge and bought the Silver Grill cafe. They are kept very busy because of the many fishermen who come to fish in the Missouri in that area. They still own their home in RapidCity and hope to return to it some day.

They have 3 children and 3 grandchildren. The oldest daugher is married; their son is a bricklayer and their other daughter is attending college.

FRANK AND KAREN BELL



Frank and Karen Bell, Rhett, Mark, Bill

Upon leaving G.H.S., I went to Ellendale to college, where I met my future husband, Frank Bell, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Bell. After our marriage, we lived in Texas where our oldest son, Rhett, was born. Then the U.S. Air Force moved us to Japan where we lived for approximately 2 years. Again we were transferred, this time to Maryland where our second son, Mark, was born.

Finally, with service behind us, we came home to Ellendale where Frank finished college while I taught 4th grade at Ellendale Public School. Frank did his student teaching at Guelph under Esther Beck.

In 1972, we packed up everything to move to years, teaching in the Oakes Public School system.

In 1972, we packed up everything to move jto California where we lived for 6 months while Frank worked with two of his brothers. From there, we came back to N.D. and settled in Fullerton for a year where Frank taught 7th and ;8th grades. At Fullerton, our youngest son, William, was born in Sept. of 1973.

Sterling, N.D., was our next adventure. We taught there for two years. At this time, Frank joined the Highway Patrol, and we were stationed in Rolla, N.D., where we organized a Christian home for boys called the Lighthouse of Hope. For the next three years, we were parents to 39 different Indian children. This was perhaps our most rewarding but challenging situation. Our hearts were broken when we were closed down because 2 of our "sons" ran away and killed our neighbors.

But, the Lord is good and has led us to Christian school teaching. First of all in Bismarck, N.D., at Shiloh Christian School, and then to Dayton Christian School in Dayton, Ohio. Frank is assistant principal in the middle school with 520 students in grades 5-8. I teach the 5th grade.

Our oldest son, Rhett, is now in the Army, stationed at Monterey, California.

Mark is a junior at Dayton Christian, and William is a third grader.

I am the daughter of Ray and Mildred Guss Brown and was born to them July 5, 1942. I have two brothers, Hartley and William, and a sister, Marilyn.

ROBERT AND LOUISE BELL



Robert and Louise Bell, Rob, Joel and Kevin

Robert and Louise (Quandt) Bell were married in May of 1962 at Oakes. They have since made their home on a farm near Gardner, N. Dak. Louise, the daughter of Chris and Edith Quandt, was born and raised northeast of Guelph. She attended a one room rural school in Hudson Township through the fourth grade until the rural schools consolidated with the Guelph School. She graduated from the Guelph High School in 1957 and graduated from the secretarial course at State School of Science in 1958. She was employed in Fargo from 1958 to 1963.

Robert was born at Hutchinson, Minnesota, and moved with his parents to Hunter, N. Dak. area in 1940. He graduated from the Hunter High School and Dunwoody Industrial Institute in Minneapolis. In 1961 he took over a family farm where they now live.

They have three sons: Rob, Joel and Kevin. Rob graduated from Cass Valley North High School in 1982 and is attending Moorhead Vo-Technical Institute. Joel is a ninth grader and Kevin is a sixth grader at Cass Valley North.

JOHN AND DELPHINE BENSON

John Benson was born on the family farm on Feb. 15, 1896, the sixth of eight children of Mr. and Mrs. John Benson, Sr. John's parents had immigrated from Norway in 1883 as newlyweds. They set up a homestead 8 miles north and ¾ miles west of Guelph. This farm is now owned by the Ole Johnson family.

John attended a local country school while working with his father on the farm. He later became a carpenter by trade and attended a trade school in Iowa, taking a course in mechanics.

On Dec. 27, 1927, John and Delphine Campbell were married at Aberdeen. Delphine was born at Voss, N.D., on May 16, 1900, to Thomas and Mary Campbell. Her family had come from County Cork in Ireland and settled in the Guelph and Lindsay, Ontario, areas of Canada. Her parents settled in the Voss-Minto area in the late 1800's. Delphine attended schools at Voss and Minto. She attended Valley City State Teachers College and taught in some rural schools near Bismarck until the 1920's when she came to Oakes with some friends to work in the North American Creamery where she continued to work for a time after her marriage.

Shortly after their marriage, John, while working in a gravel pit south of Oakes was held at gunpoint by a prison escapee from Iowa who had jumped off the train when he learned that law enforcement officers were waiting for him at the depot in Oakes. After leaving a meandering trail, the two, traveling in a truck, were forced into a pasture near Cogswell by Sargent County authorities, where John slammed the brakes and grabbed the gun. When questioned by his wife, why he was so late for supper, he stated that he had been "held

up". This, needless to say, was met with some doubt and suspicion.

After carpentering and farming for some years, John and Delphine, in 1938, purchased their farm near Guelph. During their many ;years in the Guelph area, they were very active in community affairs. John served on the Federal Land Bank Board, the Our Savior's Lutheran Council, as well as several terms on the Guelph School Board and two terms on the Dickey County Board of Commissioners.

In 1976, due to deteriorating health, the Bensons moved into Oakes, where later that year, following serious illnesses, they became residents of the Oakes Good Samaritan Center. Theirs was more than just a passing interest in the Center, since it had been founded by Agnes Towers, John's sister, and her daughter, Gladys Masse, while caring for Mrs. John Benson, Sr.

Delphine returned to her home a year later where she lived until 1978 when she suffered a massive stroke. She was transferred to the Ellendale Nursing Center where she died on Jan. 24, 1980. Mr. Benson remained a resident of Oakes Good Samaritan Center until July, 1980, when he was transferred to the Ellendale Nursing Center where he died on July 25, 1980.

The Benson's had two children: Kenneth, now residing in Oakes; and Mrs. Sharalee Youngman, now completing two years of Medical Record Technology at NDSSS in Wahpeton. Kenneth is a 1953 graduate of Guelph High School. Sharalee graduated in 1961.

RICHARD & NANCY BERGMAN



Richard and Nancy Bergman, Mary Beth and Billy

I, Nancy, attended Guelph School for all of my elementary and high school education, graduating in 1960. I don't know how many other 'Guelph kids' had their mother for their teacher at the Guelph School besides my brother, Roger, and I but probably not too many.

Four years were spent at Jamestown College majoring in Church Music, graduating in 1964. Two summers, 1963 and '64, were spent taking courses offered by the Summer Institute of Linguistics (SIL) at the University of North Dakota - Grand Forks. SIL and its co-organization, Wycliffe Bible Translators, is an international group devoted to the study of unwritten languages with the goal of translating at least the New Testament into these languages. A courtship correspondence was carried on during this time with a young man from Cayuga who had gone to Africa in 1962.

In December, 1964 I flew to Nigeria, West Africa, to take up an assignment with the Summer Institute of Linguistics working in that country. Being re-united with fiance, Dick Bergman, was a momentous occasion. Absence (in this case) indeed made the heart grow fonder!

We were married in Enugu, Nigeria, on March 13, 1965. None of our family members were able to attend, but all of our SIL co-workers in Nigeria came together and helped us celebrate the event. The marriage ceremony took place in an Anglican church, and it was performed by a Methodist minister (from Ireland); the best man and organist were from England and the photographer from Switzerland.

One month later, we moved out to a rural village to study the Igede language, which was spoken by about 100,000 people. Seven different language groups touched the boundaries of 'Igede-land'.

Our first home had 3 rooms, roughly 10' x 11'. It was made out of sun-dried mud blocks, hard-packed dirt floors and thatch roof. Lighting was provided by kerosene lamps. My first night's sleep in this 'adobe' abode' was disturbed by the dust/grit in the bed. We discovered the next morning that the wood worms who were contentedly feasting on some of the material of our ceiling allowed their 'leftovers' (sawdust) to drift down upon us. A rubber ground sheet tacked to the ceiling prevented further sawdust 'fall-out'!

There was no running water except that which was in a stream that ran through the village. Here our neighbors bathed and washed clothes, and it was from here that drinking water was carried. All our drinking water had to be boiled. A large clay pot worked well for keeping water reasonably cool. Water for bathing had also to be carried and let set for 48 hours before use. (A 55 gallon drum was set aside for this purpose.) Certain parasites which could burrow into the skin and cause illness died off in that amount of time so then the water could safely be used. A plastic bucket, with a simple shower head fitted into the bottom, worked well for showers -- as long as there was water in the bucket... If filled earlier in the day, a hot shower in the evening was assured.

A 13 year old schoolboy was employed to help with household chores which were time-consuming without modern conveniences and appliances, such as carrying water and washing clothes by hand. Today

that young man is an engineer with Nigerian Television Corporation and recently completed further training in his field in Scotland.

We had neighbors on 2 sides within 15 feet of our house, so we literally heard the language spoken day and night. Our purpose was to learn to speak the language, reducing it to writing by analyzing the sounds and making an adequate alphabet. The grammar of the language was studied and analyzed also. All this was with a view to preparing reading books in the language as well as the main goal of translating the New Testament into Igede.

Our son, Billy, was born August 24, 1968 at Oakes, N.D. during our first furlough. We gained much more respectability from our African friends when he joined our family as they prize children very highly . Our daughter, Mary Beth, was born Novembaer 15, 1970 in Nigeria, with an Irish mid-wife in attendance at the delivery.

When SIL workers were forced to leave Nigeria in 1976, we came home and lived in Oakes for 4 months before moving to the Dallas, Texas area in early 1977. An Igede pastor with whom we had worked in Nigeria, John Adimah, came to the U.S. from Nigeria. He lived and worked with us on the translation of the Igede New Testament and Genesis. This was completed in 1979. In 1981 we were forunate to visit Nigeria and attend the dedication of the Igede New Testament. The joy of seeing former neighbors and friends whom we had not expected to see again on this earth will long be remembered.

We made the move to Sudan in September 1979. It was a major adjustment for us to leave Billy, age 11 and Mary Beth, age 8 at Rift Valley Academy in Kenya, a Christian boarding school, while we went up to Khartoum, Sudan, for Arabic study. We did not see the children for 3 months. That was the most difficult 3 months of our lives.

We moved down to Juba in Southern Sudan in January, 1980 to take up the adminstration of the Sudan Branch of the Summer Institute of Linguistics. Roads are scarce in Southern Sudan, so for distance travel we rely on small aircraft. SIL has 2 such planes based in Juba. Our children, therefore, "commute" to school by airplane. They board at the school for 3 months at a time.

Presently we are on furlough from Sudan but we plan to return in 1984 to take up administrative responsibilities there again. My husband and I have found that our farming community backgrounds have stood us in good stead when it came to adjusting to life in a Third World country. We count ourselves fortunate to have had the privilege of growing up in a farming community.

BERNTSON—OLIASON



Odin and Thea Oliason on their wedding day with attendants Olaf Olafson and Annie Oliason.



Berntson - Oliason family; Back row: Clifford, Gladys, Royal, Thelma, Ray. Front row: Bernice and Royalyn, Thea, Sig, Ruth and Gladys Raye

Thea Berntson came to Guelph, N. Dak. from Hanlontown, Iowa in 1910 to become the bride of Odin Oliason. She had come to Iowa from Bardufoss, Norway. Two of her brothers and two of her sisters were already in Iowa. Her brother Helmer had come home to Norway for a visit and the stories he told seemed like high adventure to Thea. She returned to Iowa with him intending to earn much money and return to Norway after two or three years. She did housework and got a job as a cook in a restaurant and told of being paid $3 a week there. To her that seemed big pay.

Little did she realize she would never see her parents again, and it would take 38 years before she would return to visit her homeland. As a teenage girl she had felt the call to go to the mission field in India for her church. She refused to go because she didn't want to leave her mother. After coming to America, she had always been homesick for Norway until she went back for a visit. She realized then her roots were in the United States. She made two more trips to Norway to visit her three brothers and two sisters, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Her husband, Odin Oliason, had come with his parents and grandfather from Tennsjaer, Norway, and had settled in the Hanlontown, Iowa, area. With the report of cheap land in North Dakota, they, along with several other families, had moved on to North Dakota, settling south of Guelph.

After their marriage, Thea and Odin lived with his parents for a while. Then they moved into a cook car placed on their land (SE ¼ of section 13 in Ada Township) while their house was being built. By the fall of 1911 the house was ready for them to move into, shortly before the birth of their daughter, Gladys. That year had been rather dry. Odin had begun harvesting when a hail storm hit and wiped out what crop there was.

Thea experienced much loneliness as her home in Norway was in a forested area with several families living close by. She missed the trees and mountains. The first tumbleweeds she saw come bounding over the prairie frightened her, for she thought these were some kind of animal. She had also heard much about the big prairie fires which had swept through the area and was much frightened each time she saw a fire burning over the grasslands.

The Oliason's home became a haven for many newcomers coming from Norway. They stayed until they got work and after that would return to spend their Sundays.

When the Oliasons would go to Ellendale, Thea enjoyed shopping in the Randall Store and the Fair Store because the proprietors, Mr. Randall and Mr. Furan could understand and talk Norwegian with her. In those early years, trips to Ellendale weren't very frequent as the only mode of travel was the horse and buggy over trails, the distance being 15 miles.

In the falll of 1913 Odin asked Thea which she wanted, "a car or indoor plumbing." Her reply, "Indoor plumbing." With 2 babies in the house, she said she had more use for that.

Besides doing farming, Odin went into partnership with Charlie and Bill Homerberg in a steam threshing rig. He served as the rustler.

In the fall of 1918 many in the area were stricken with the Spanish flu which for many developed into pneumonia or quick consumption and death was the end results for many. Odin had been out threshing and was stricken with the Spanish flu, which developed into quick consumption. On the advice of the doctor the Oliasons had an auction sale and disposed of their property and went to Phoenix, Ariz. Odin passed away in January and was brought back to Guelph for his funeral which was held in the IOOF hall. Thea was bewildered and heartbroken. She was left alone with 3 children: Gladys, Maynard, and Thelma. She wanted to return to Norway, but her mother begged her not to, for she feared the ship would hit a mine, which the Germans had planted in the ocean during the First World War.

She and her children stayed with the Andrew Stende's, who were living where Rick Pahl lives now, for the rest of the school year. Then they went to stay with her brother Helmer and wife who had homesteaded on the edge of the Badlands near Watford City, N. Dak. While there, Sig Berntson came to visit. He had come from Lenvik, Norway, and had gone to Baker, Mont., where his uncle and wife had homesteaded south of Baker. In Norway he had been a fisherman. On one trip the boat had capsized and he had nearly drowned. He determined he would not continue fishing as his life work. Adventure in the United States beckoned. He was known for his strength so did much of the heavy work for the ranchers in the Willard, Mont. area. If there was anything heavy to be lifted, Sig would do it. At the time he came, the ranchers were beginning to fence their land. He was employed to dig the post holes by hand. He, too, homesteaded a quarter of land and began farming. He had a good sense of humor and was always ready with a joke.

In December, 1920 Sig and Thea were married. They had known each other in Norway. Thea and her children went to live on his homestead near Willard, Mont. After a series of dry years with crop failures,they decided to move to Guelph, N. Dak., in 1924 to Mrs. Berntson's farm. She had kept the farmstead and land after the death of her husband Odin. The years that followed were extremely busy. There were 5 children to send to school, as Mr. and Mrs. Berntson had 2 children, Bernice and Royal, born to them. Gladys, Maynard, and Bernice received their Bachelor of Science degrees from NI. Thelma and Royal graduated from Ellendale High School. Thelma went on to graduate from nurses' training in St. John's Hospital in Fargo. Royal went into partnership in farming with his father. He married and built his home near the old home.

Sig had a heart attack and passed away in January of 1958. Thea continued to live in her home with her daughter Gladys. She passed away June 10, 1981 at the age of 90, after having been a semi-invalid for over 3 years following the fracture of her hip. She was cared for in her home by her daughter Gladys.

Thea lived a full life, being active in her church and community and devoted to her family and home. She had many friends and loved them all. It was the delight of both Sig and Thea to have guests in their home.

ROYAL BERNTSON FAMILY



Steven and Mary Berntson, Wayne and Kathy Knipple, Royal Berntson, Kristi, Dan, Melissa and Sylvia Matheson, Jean, Randy and Gina Berntson. Grandmother Thea Berntson in front.

The home of Sig and Thea Berntson of Guelph was gladdened when their son, Royal, was born March 19, 1928. Royal attended grade school in area country schools and the first two years of high school in Guelph. He transferred to Ellendale High School and graduated in 1946. He attended the NI for one quarter. Due to his father's poor health, he returned to the farm to be in partnership with his father. He farmed until 1979 when he rented the land and bought what is now known as Royal's Plumbing and Heating in Oakes, N.D.

In 1950, a young lady, named Jean Greenman of Edinboro, Penn., came to the area with her partner to teach Vacation Bible School. She returned again the next year. By this time she and Royal decided that they were meant for each other. They were married in Pennsylvania, March 13, 1952. They have made their home on the family farm ever since. Royal and Jean were blessed with four children: Steven, Sylvia, Randy and Kathy.

Steven, born August 24, 1954, is married to the former Mary Marti of Minnetonka, Mn. They live on the family farm. Steven works with his father in the plumbing business in Oakes. Mary is a case worker for Dickey County Social Services.

Sylvia, Mrs. Dan Matheson, was born October 4, 1955. She and her husband live in Rochester, Mn., where she is an R.N. at Mayo Clinic and Dan is a plumber. They have three daughters, Kristi, Melissa, and Sara.

Randy was born December 30, 1957. He and his wife, the former Regina Larson of Oakes, live in West Fargo, where Randy is a welder at Westgo Manufacturing. Gina is an R.N. at St. Ansgar Hospital in Moorhead.

Kathy, born April 7, 1959, is married to Wayne Knipple, formerly of Oakes. They are making their home in Bonney Lake, Wa. They both work in Puyallup, Wa. -- Kathy for Kirk Company, a Christmas tree wholesaler; Wayne works for Puget Power. They have a daughter, Karla Marie, born April 5, 1983.

EARL AND LILLIAN BLEIBAUM

Earl Bleibaum was born Sept. 2, 1911 at Wessington, S.D. to John and Ruth (Conklin) Bleibaum both deceased, of Ludden, N.D. His brothers and sister are Frank of Bismarck, N.D., George of Panorama City, Calif., John (deceased), and Marie Merkel of Ellendale, N.D.

Earl married Lillian Holmstrom, daughter of Elmer and Hannah (Orjala) Holmstrom of Ludden, Dec. 18, 1930. Her parents are deceased.

They have 2 children, Roger married Marilyn Murray of Duluth, Mn. March 18, 1961 and they have 3 children.

June married Dennis Lapp of Duluth Sept. 18, 1965.

Lillian has 11 brothers and sisters: Nelma, Eino, Ginger, Diane, Wilma, Helen, May, Fred, Ernest, and Ina and Wayne are deceased.

Earl works as an ironworker for the American Bridge Co. in Duluth.

GEORGE AND SARA BLEIBAUM

George Bleibaum was born December 10, 1928 at Ludden, North Dakota to Mr. and Mrs. John Bleibaum, Sr. He has a sister, Marium Merkel of Ellendale and two brothers, Frank of Bismarck, North Dakota, and Earl of Duluth, Minnesota. Mr. and Mrs. John Bleibaum, Sr. are deceased.

Sara Hague was born April 14, 1930 at Glendale, California, to Mr. and Mr. Kenneth Hague.

George and Sara were married February 20, 1954, and live at 13267 Reedley St., Panorama City, California. They have 2 children, Kevin 25, and Janice 23, both living at home.

George works with the Civil Service of Los Angeles, California.

GEORGE BLISS

By Roland Waite

George Bliss was one of the pioneers of the Guelph area. The first account I have of him is from the **Dickey County Leader**, May 27, 1909. "George Bliss is over from Hecla breaking his quarter section he bought in February."

In Jan. 9, 1913 edition this account "A Literary was organized Friday night and George Bliss elected president. A program and debate will be given each Friday night to which all are invited." **(Dickey County Leader)**.

The Bliss family lived south of Guelph on the Craft farm, NE 18-129-60. Their two sons, Rex and Max, also figured prominently in Guelph affairs. They were chums of the Waite boys.

When Mrs. Bliss died, George and Rex moved to Iowa where Rex was married.

Max took a job in the Ellendale bakery and from there to Lemon, S.D. where he did bakery work also. He met and married Wilma Bremmerman, who had a small daughter. They moved back to North Dakota and operated a store in Valley City, Grafton and Warroad, Minn. Later in life they moved to California where Max worked for a time in Farmers Market in Los Angeles.

He retired to Anaheim and passed away Nov. 6, 1964. His parents and brother Rex preceded him in death.

JACOB AND SYLVIA BLOMBERG



Mr. and Mrs. Jack Blomberg

Jacob Blomberg was born in New York Mills, Minn. July 24, 1890. He married Sylvia Elizabeth Wapola in 1918 in New York Mills. Sylvia was born Dec. 3, 1900, at New York Mills, Minn.

In 1921 they moved to North Dakota to farm. They lived in Berlin, Fullerton, and Glover areas before they moved to Ludden in 1939. In 1941 they moved to the state of Washington, living in Vancouver during WWII; then to Bremerton for a while and then to Olympia. Sylvia passed away November 1958 and Jacob passed away September 1974.

Twelve children were born to them, three in Minnesota and the rest in North Dakota. Hazel married to Ray Wuolu, lives in the Oakes area. Edmund died in infancy. Elsie married Bion Humphreys. They have three sons and live in Richmond, California. Violet married John West Jr. and Donald Fischer. They have two daughters, Blanche West and Gayle Fischer Bottorf. Violet lives at LaGrande, Oregon. Helen married Gordon Miller; they have two daughters and one son and live in Roseville, Minn. Marshall was married; he had two sons and one daughter. He died in 1960 in Portland, Oregon. Ernest was married; has five children and lives in Port Orchard, Wash. Betty Ann married John Rogers; they have two daughters and live at Tumwater, Wash. James died in infancy in 1934. Victor Allen was married, has two children. He spent 20 years in the Navy and lives in Pensacola, Florida. Luella, married Jim Christian; has eight children and live at Shelton, Wash. and Roger was married, has three children, and lives in Billings, Mont.

JOHN BONIEK



John Boniek Family; Elma, John, Elmer, Royal, Renata and Leo

John Boniek came to this country in 1913 from Germany and worked in the East and Chicago area for about 2 years. Louie Frederick and John came out to North Dakota in 1915 as friends. He first worked for Jim Mason and then Einar Strand until about 1920. He purchased land in Section 5 of Ada Township and built a home there (this is now the Terry Andersen farm).

He talked about riding horse back to Albion Lutheran Church west of Ellendale. He also helped organize the Zion Lutheran, his two sons were 4th and 8th to be baptized there.

In November of 1926 he married Elma Hansen, the daughter of John and Marie Hansen. She was teaching in the Kulm area. A son, Elmer was born in August 1927. (Elmer is a pastor and married Sharon Hankel; they have 7 children and are living in Holly, Mich.) During the depression, they lost this farm and rented one in Port Emma Township, section 21, which was known as the Barnes Place. Royal was born here in January, 1929. (Royal is a farmer and married Alvera Radke. They have 4 children and are living in Ada Township). Renata was born in May of 1933 (Renata is an RN and married to Bernard Hartley. They have 2 children and are living in Monterey Park, California).

In November of 1935 they purchased a farm at Hawick, Minn. where Leo was born in May of 1937. (Leo is a farmer and married Deloris Gratz. They have 4 children and are living on the home place.)

Two other children were born to this union but died in infancy. Elma passed away in December of 1945 and John in April of 1961.

ROYAL BONIEK

Royal was born to John and Elma Boniek on January 6, 1929 in Port Emma Township. In the fall of 1935 he moved with his family to Hawick, Minn. In 1953-55 he served in the army. In May of 1958 he married Alvera Radtke. They lived on the home place for two years. A daughter, Nancy was born to them April 18, 1960. (Nancy married David Carlson and is a student at the U. of Minn.) They rented a farm near Murdock, Minn. for 1 year. A daughter, Debra, was born January 1962. (Debra is a student at Minn. School of Business). They purchased a farm by Montevideo, Minn. Two sons were born, (Mark is a student at Wahpeton, N.D. and Perry is a student at Ellendale High School). They purchased land in Ada Township, Section 7, in 1971. In August of 1972 they moved to Ellendale and lived there until their house on the farm was finished and then moved to it.

Besides farming, Royal works with the Olin Co. baling and hauling flax straw.

JOHN AND LOUISE BOSS



John and Louise Boss



The John Boss family, taken Dec. 1982

John W. Boss was born September 25, 1910, at Savo, South Dakota. John is the son of August and Elvira Boss. He had 6 sisters and 4 brothers. His wife, Louise, was born January 7, 1918, at Hecla, South Dakota. Louise is the daughter of Hey and Tina Gerdes of Hecla, South Dakota. She has one sister and one brother. They were married June 24, 1942 and farmed in the Hecla and Guelph area for 14 years. The first year they lived 2 miles south of Guelph, NW¼ of Sec. 17-129-60, what was known as the August Boss place. Then they moved on her parent's farm in South Dakota where they lived for nine years. They raised many turkeys in those years and John worked out some of those years also. Then they moved to the farm on the hill by Guelph, 1 mile south and ½ mile east, N½ of Sec. 8-129-60, known as the John Meyers place. From there they moved to Ludden for almost a year. They both worked at the Oakes Nursery. The year of 1956, they had a sale and left North Dakota. They packed their Ford Station Wagon and were off to California with their family. They arrived at Glendale, California, at their friends, the Ken Barton family, on August 28, 1956. That evening they moved into their first apartment, 3 rooms, kitchen, bath, and living room that had a bed in the wall. They say, "We thought our little apartment was 'paradise'". They both got jobs the following days. Louise worked at the Thrift Shop for almost 18 years, and John was 6½ years at California Zonolite and 13 years for the Glendale Unified Schools. The year of 1963, they built a new house and 3 Deluxe Studio apartments in Glendale. When John retired in 1975, they sold their property and moved to Yucaipa, California, where they are living now and enjoying retired life by doing garden work. They also have a few laying hens which keep reminding them of the days they were on the farm. They have alot of fruit trees also which keeps Louise busy canning. "But it's all fun", they say.

They have four children.

Larry was born May 15, 1943, at Oakes, North Dakota. He was married to Susan Rimer July 7, 1968, at Glendale. They have two children, twins, Alisa and Aaron, who were born August 11, 1973. Larry works for the U.S. Post Office and his wife, Susan, teaches Tiny Tots. They live in Palm Desert, California.

Janet was born September 27, 1946, at Britton, South Dakota. She was married to Bruce Whitehead, October 22, 1967. They have four children: Warren, 12, Wendy, 11; Kevin, 5; and Carol, 3. Janet is a housewife and also active in school and church work. Bruce works for the county as a professional engineer. They live in San Gabriel, California.

Barbara was born August 8, 1949, at Britton, South Dakota. She was married to Jerry Treibold August 26, 1967. They have 2 children: Evan, 14, and Tricia, 11. Barbara is a housewife and very active in community work. Jerry works for Edison Electrical as a machinist forman.

Richard was born September 19, 1951, at Britton, South Dakota. He was married to Jessica Futterton February 2, 1980. They live in Glendale, California and he has his own business, Boss Auto Mechanics. His wife, Jessica, is a teacher for the Handicapped Children.

EMERY AND LEMPY BOSS



Emery and Lempi Boss

Emery was born August 7, 1908 in Gackle, North Dakota, to Oscar C. and Anna (Laho) Boss, both of whom spent most of their pre-marital years in this area. Both, the Boss's and the Laho's were long time residents of the area, so should be well known by many, especially the older ones.

Lempy was born in Wing, North Dakota, August 14, 1912, to Jacob and Hilma (Josephson) Banttari, both having many of their childhood years in this area, the Josephson's were known by their Finnish name, Junti, at that time.

Emery and Lempy were married in Jamestown in June of 1931. They have four children, Helen, Dorothy, Richard and Linda.

Helen is married to James Remboldt. They have established their home in Dennison, Texas. They have three boys, John, Jay and Jerry, all attending college. John will graduate this spring. Jim has a medical retirement after suffering a very severe heart attack. Helen is teaching nursing at a Community College.

Dorothy is married to Bob Herring. Their home is in Raleigh, North Carolina. They have three daughters, Terri, Sandra and Lynette. Terri is married to Allen Detreich and they have a daughter, Allison. Sandra is married to Mathew Schueller and they have a son Mathew Robert. Dorothy is a housewife. After serving about thirty years in the navy, Bob retired and is now working for the North Carolina Power and Light Co. He is in charge of all parts and maintenance.

Richard is still single, lives in Portland, Oregon, and works for the U.S. Coast Guard.

Linda is married to Jerry Cooper. They live in Bloomington, Indiana. They have two boys, both still in grade school. After twenty years in the navy, Jerry is retired and is now working as a salesman for the Motorola Corp. Linda has a business of her own as a bookkeeper and tax consultant.

Emery says, "The spring of 1933 we moved to the Issac Youle place, about five miles southwest of Guelph, where we had a very tragic fire. We lost everything including our eighteen month old son, Donald, and almost lost my mother. My mother was helping us during Lempy's recovery from bringing our oldest daughter into this world, Helen was only eleven days old at the time."

"Another interesting thing I can recall is painting a sign on the front of Eino Visto's Auto Repair Shop. I have been told that the pictures of the building will be in the historical book.

"We lived in Oakes in 1937-38. Times were rather rough in those days. In order to be able to defray our expenses, we took in a boarder, John Visto, who worked at the Chevrolet Garage as a parts man. He paid us five dollars a week for room, board, and washing.

"We lived in Jamestown for about twenty-five years. Emery operated a scrap iron and fur business. Later we moved back to Oakes where Emery was a salesman for the Visto Implement, from there we moved to Port Townsend, Washington, where he worked for the Crown Zellerbach paper mill until retiring in 1973. In 1975 we decided to move to Arizona, where we have lived since. We love Arizona, and actually believe that it is the only place for elderly people, but the memories of the Guelph area will be very dear for both of us for the rest of our days."

BOSS FAMILY

By Arnold Boss

August Boss was born in Michigan March, 1881; his wife, Elvira (Niemi) Boss, born in Finland, November, 1883, arrived in a ship to America in 1903. They settled near Frederick, S.D.

August and Elvira Boss moved from Savo Township, Frederick, S.D., with their ten children--five boys and five girls—in 1927, to the Guelph area 2 miles south of Guelph on the old Craft farm owned by Fred McCartney of Oakes. Their son, Walter, had come to this farm first and roomed with the Andrew Stende's, who were the renters living on the farm. The first person he met was Truman Root, who owned the garage and gas delivery at that time.

They lived on the farm 15 years. When August Boss died in 1938, his sons Arnold and John took over the farming for four years. In the thirties, Walter worked on the State Highways and later moved to California. He worked at the Kaiser shipyards during the War.

Elvira Boss moved with her sons, Arnold and Edwin, and daughter, Mamie, to Washington in 1943. They lived the first two years near Brush Prairie, Wash., near her daughter, Amanda Miller and family during World War II. Arnold and Edwin Boss worked in the Kaiser shipyards in Vancouver, Wash., for three years. In 1945, they moved to Battle Ground, Wash., and have continued to live there. Walter moved in 1947 from California to Battle Ground to live with them. Elvira Boss passed away in 1971. Walter, born in 1906, never married, and died in 1982. Daughter Amanda Miller, now retired, was born in 1909, and now lives near

Vancouver. Son John Boss, now retired, was born in 1910. He, with his wife, Louise, live in California. Daughter Hazel Boss Pederson is deceased. Daughter Marie Boss Senff, born in 1915, is retired with her husband Sherman Senff. They live in Portland, Oregon. Son Arnold Boss, born in 1917, lives in Battle Ground with his sister Mamie. Arnold works in his shop in Vancouver at present. Daughter Mamie Boss, born in 1919, is a homemaker. Daughter Martha Boss Eickerman, born in 1920, served overseas as a Second Lieutenant (nurse) in World War II. She lived in St. Cloud, Minnesota, and passed away March 19, 1983. Rudolph Boss, born in 1922, served as Marine veteran of World War II; he is retired and lives in Portland. Edwin Boss, born in 1915, is deceased.

Mamie says, "We remember all the business people of Guelph: Grover Howard (General Store and North American Creamery; Ken Waite, General Store; Puffer's General Store; J. D. Root, banker, commissioner and stock buyer; Clint Von Eschen cafe and Post Office; John Schwarting's Auto Repair; Burow Blacksmith Shop; Swanson Lumber and International Farm Equipment; Amos Waite, Custom Farm Harvesting; Farmer's Elevator with Harry Newman and Peavy Elevator with Hank Anderson).

"We will always remember the late summer of 1928 when August Weitala and his son, William, of Hecla threshed for Dad with his big steam engine. One Saturday morning, as one in the crew was entering the field, the engine got stuck in very deep mud on top of a knoll. They worked all that day Saturday and Sunday from early morning to late afternoon. Finally, the Burkhardt brothers came with their Oil Pull, and John Schwarting of Guelph arrived. John gave some instructions to the Burkhardt brothers. He himself went on the big steam engine, gave a big jump, and out came the engine that late afternoon. People came from far and near to watch the men work. Cars were all around the farmyard way up to the roadsides, and a mile to the south to the Albert Pagenkopf place."

DARCY AND EDDY BOSTRUP



Darcy Bostrup, about 1934



Eddy Bostrup, 1941

Darcy, son of Millo and Petrea Bostrup, was born May 29, 1915 at Guelph. He and his brother, Eddy, attended the Port Emma township school south of Guelph. They attended the first two years of high school in Guelph then transferred to the State Normal and Industrial School in Ellendale. Darcy graduated from high school there in 1934 and Eddy in 1936. Both Darcy and Eddy graduated and received their Junior College degrees from the NI. Darcy went on to school at the University of North Dakota at Grand Forks, where he studied and finished his education as an electrical engineer.

In July of 1941, Darcy was hired by Douglas Aircraft Co., in Santa Monica, California, where he helped design and build the Electrical system President Roosevelt's and President Truman's and several Admiral's private airplanes. He transferred into the Missile and Space Division where he helped develop, build, and install the Anti-Balistic Thor Missile all around the city of London, England. He later worked with all the Saturn Moon landings, receiving a commendation from Astronaut Alan Shepard. In 1976 Darcy took an early retirement and is now volunteering all his work and time to the service of the YMCA.

While at UND Grand Forks, Darcy met Jeanie Ramage. They were married and have 3 children. Sharon, who is married and has 4 daughters, also, is a Girl Scout administrator.

Renee is married and is a manager of a ready to wear shop.

Gary, the youngest, graduated from UCLA and works for Rockwell International Science Center on the shuttle project.

Jeanie and Darcy are both International Directors of the Y's Menette's Clubs and the Y's Men's Clubs respectfully. These are volunteer women and men's service clubs of the YMCA. These clubs are in 54 countries of our world. Darcy and Jeanie have traveled to most of the countries developing new clubs to serve their local YMCA's.

In 1939 Eddy joined the National Guard. He advanced to a sergeant, transferred to the state of Washington, and here is where he met Mary Lou. They were married and had 4 children: Saundra is married and has one daughter. Daina is married. She and her husband have a horse training and riding school. Dana is studying to be an architect. Julie is married; she writes and composes songs and also plays the guitar and sings for night clubs.

Eddy enlisted in World War II and was wounded in the Battle of the Bulge in Germany. He came back and was hospitalized for a long time. He started working for the Electrolux Vacuum Cleaner Co. and became their Regional manager for the areas of Oregon, Washington and Montana. He was killed in a car accident March 4, 1964.

Darcy and Eddy have 2 sisters, Karen Margaret Combellick (deceased) and Florence Wright of Houghton, S.D.

MILLO AND PETREA BOSTRUP



Millo and Petrea Bostrup family: Margaret, 11, Florence, 9, Darcy, 3, Baby Eddy.

Martin Carmen Millo Bostrup and his wife Petrea were part of the early settlement of the Guelph community arriving here in 1906.

Millo, the name he used, was a sailor for a few years, sailing between Denmark and New York City. During each layover in New York City, he was employed in a tailor shop, butcher shop, and the Baldwin Locomotive Works. Realizing the limited opportunities in Denmark, he and his new bride decided to come to the United States to live.

His Danish friend, Alex Harrison, interested him to come to Oakes where he met one of Oakes leading pioneers, Hans Lowe, and his family.

Millo rented a farm near the Lowes just 4 miles south of Oakes. Later he purchased two quarters of land four miles south of Guelph, NW¼ 29-129-60. It had a two room building on it, in which they lived, while building a house, barn and a triangular frame covered with flax straw for a hog house. The house was later used for a chicken house and granary. The attic which had a small window was used to raise pigeons. Petrea butchered the young and canned the breasts.

These buildings were all destroyed except the house by the tornado of 1921. The buildings were rebuilt the same summer.

Millo was a special horseman and could handle difficult horses. He had a fast horse of bronco temperament that he hitched to a two wheeled riding cart. One day a neighbor needed a doctor urgently. Millo went to Oakes for the doctor, making the round trip of 40 miles in less than 90 minutes with his horse.

Millo was a member of the I.O.O.F. Lodge of Guelph and Petrea a member of the Rebekahs.

Millo and Petrea believed in doing things right. They were resourceful, clean and neat. Their farm and home was kept very neat and beautiful. The Bostrups were good neighbors and loved by all who knew them.

They had four children, Margaret, Florence, Darcy and Eddy, whose stories will follow. Millo passed away January 31, 1953 and Petrea died August of 1958.

Margaret was born May 8, 1907 and attended 8 years of grade school in the Eaton School District and graduated from Ellendale High School and attended the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, Minnesota, taking a 3 year nurses course and became a registered nurse. She was hired as the Dickey County Nurse in 1932.



Karen Margaret Bostrup. Nurses graduation picture.

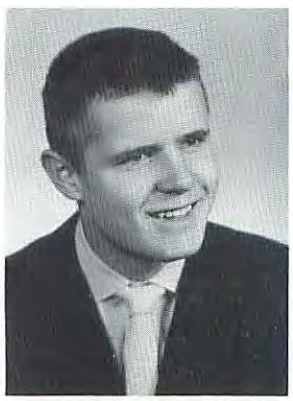


Dawn Combellick, Margaret's child.

The Dickey County nurse would go to the school and give dental checks and record age, weight and height, and report health in general and then advise parents if the child should see a doctor, and at times would be called to family homes especially in times of communicable disease epidemics. She would assist a doctor when mass immunization shots, such as diptheria, smallpox, and whooping cough were given at designated areas. The Guelph School was centrally located so area schools were scheduled to come on an assigned day for their shots.

Margaret married William Combellick, son of Olin Combellick, instructor in the State Normal Industrial College, of Ellendale. They had two children, Dawn and John. Dawn is married and has two daughters and one son. She taught elementary school. They now live near Altanta, Georgia. John graduated from Ellendale High School. He never married and has been a journalist in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, for the last twenty-three years.

Margaret passed away in 1965.



John Combelick



Florence Bostrup Wright

Florence was born January 11, 1909. After finishing the 8th grade in the country school one mile south of her home, she attended one year of high school in Guelph and stayed at the J.D. and Maude Root home during the week. Maude gave music lessons to her and her sister Margaret. Maude and J. D. always treated her like their own child. The next 3 years of high school and 2 years of teacher training were received at the State Normal Industrial School at Ellendale. Her first year, 1926, she was employed in the Skoglund school, Ada #2. This was four miles cross country from her parents home. She bought a horse from Clyde Schwarting and rode horse back to school. Some of her pupils were Ethel Skoglund, Clarence, Edwin, Alvin, and Dorothy Sand, Florence and Robert Aho, and Thelma Oliason. In the years to follow she taught in Port Emma and Glover schools.



Left to right: Jerome, Lois, Doreen, Donald, Norma, Florence, Petrea. Taken summer of 1982.

Florence married Russel Wright, son of William and Murtie Wright, of Hecla, South Dakota July 26, 1931. They had six children, Donald, Jerome, Doreen, Lois, Petrea and Norma.

Donald married Bev Hayes and farms south of Houghton, South Dakota. They have 6 children. Jerome graduated from South Dakota State University at Brookings, S.D. and owns a Specialty Manufacturing located one mile north of Bath, S.D. He married Carol Fluke and they have 3 children.

Doreen Dell Green lives in Aberdeen, S.D. She has one daughter and three sons. She is employed at St. Lukes Hospital at this time.

Lois attended Personal College in Omaha, Nebraska, following with employment at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. She is married to Al Lemeneux. They live in Helena, Montana and have 5 children.

Petrea graduated from Northern State Teachers College of Aberdeen, S.D. and taught at Ellsworth Air Force Base of Rapid City, S.D. She married Miles Campbell of the U.S. Army. They spent 3 years in Germany. They have two daughters and one son. Miles died in 1980 and Petrea and family live in Omaha, Nebraska.

Norma graduated from Northern State Teachers College of Aberdeen. She taught in Frederick and Columbia, South Dakota. She married Dennis Monroe and they have 2 daughters and one son and adopted a Korean boy.

Russel Wright died May 16, 1948 and Florence went back into the teaching profession.

Recollections by Florence

"We must have had exceptional parents as they taught us to learn to like and enjoy everything that had to be done.

Mother taught us the good things in life, God and to love our neighbors. We were never afraid to go out in the dark as God was with us. We were never allowed to gossip or say unkind things about anyone. We always shared our work and were never allowed to sit down until Mother's work was done.

Mother made all of our clothes and we were taught to sew and cook neatly. I remember our long black wool knitted stockings would itch, but they were sure warm.

When serving Dad at the table, he was always served the largest serving and Mother the next largest.

We worked in the fields, my mother and I did the shocking and I hauled grain to Guelph in a lumber wagon and team of horses. Two threshing crews were Allen Weitala's and Hokana's. They brought a cook car along and Zelma and Mary Hokana cooked for their dad. They would invite us in and it was fun to watch them make so much food.

We milked cows and carried the milk to the house where it was separated, the cream from the milk. The skimmed milk was then carried back to the barn and fed to the calves. The separator was kept in the house so everything would be clean. Mother was an expert butter maker. She made and sold some to the people in Guelph.

My first car ride was in 1912 in a shiny black touring car with the top down. It belonged to Clint Craft and he took our family and his to Oakes.

Christmas time we would sit in a triple box high sleigh on clean hay and a blanket with a bear skin robe to cover us. Dad would put bells on the harness of the horses. It was so much fun to hear the bells ring and look up at the stars on those clear nights when driving to church on Christmas Eve.

When walking to school one mile south we enjoyed the wild tiger lilies, pussy willows, golden rods, violets, crocuses, wild roses and many other blossoms in the spring. In the winter the snow would squeak as we walked on it.

My first grade teacher was Venus Ball, about 21 years old. We had a little one room school in which was a large jacket (a metal frame around it) coal stove that had a flat space to set a pan to heat water, bake potatoes, or heat soup. The school entry also held a bin of coal. The drinking water had to be carried from a farm house a quarter of a mile away. Many times the boys stayed home to help with farm work so it often took them several years to complete a grade and were often seventeen or eighteen years old. Desks were wide and two sat in a desk. Everyone took state exams in the seventh and eighth grade. At one time we had 27 children in our school.

Eighth grade graduation exercises were held in the Ludden School as Eaton School District had three schools on each side of the James River. Later it was divided the west half being named Port Emma township.

Sunday School and Church were, also, held in our school house. Rev. Martyn gave most of the sermons. In 1919 the community decided to build a church. Most

of the neighbors contributed a lot of help and money to build the Episcopal Church, located 5 miles south and ¾ of a mile west of Guelph (SW¼ 30-129-60). Reverend Taylor was the Bishop at this time.

I started the first 4-H Club in the community. The projects were chickens and hogs. My brother Eddy got a purple ribbon on his hog at the Ellendale Fair, so took it to Fargo for the State Fair.

Orville Featherhuff of Hecla would come to the Earl Courtney's, they lived just one mile east of us. Mrs. Featherhuff and Mrs. Earl Courtney, Vertie, were sisters. So, Orville took his cousin, Lee Courtney for a ride in his new buggy drawn by a beautiful horse and they would take Margaret and me riding with them. The Courtney boys, Ross and Roger, were about Darcy and Eddys age so we visited each other often.

Earl's parents, the William Courtneys lived just one half mile south. They lost all their buildings but the house in the tornado of 1921. They later moved to Chicago."

BURTON AND BETTY BOTTS



Burton and Betty Botts

Burton G. Botts, Ludden, married Betty K. Smith of Hecla, S.D. on Oct. 25, 1947. Burton and Betty ran the Botts Brothers Store in Ludden unitl it closed. Burton became the rural mail carrier for the Ludden-Guelph area, a position which he held for 25 years until his death in 1978. Both Burton and Betty died in 1978.

They had two boys: Garry M. and Burton Dean. The boys attended elementary school in Ludden and high school in Guelph. Garry graduated in 1966 and Dean in 1970 the last class of Guelph High School.

Dean attended North Dakota State School of Science at Wahpeton and graduated in 1971 with a plumbing degree. He worked for various plumbing contractors in Aberdeen, SD until he joined Johnson Controls, Inc. Feb. 1975. In April 1975 Dean married Judy Clark of Aberdeen, S.D. They have 2 children: Steven, born June 25, 1977 and Laura, born Aug. 3, 1979. Dean and family were transferred to Moline, Illinois in Jan. 1980 by Johnson Controls, Inc. They are presently residing in Geneseo, Illinois.



Steven, Dean, Judy and Laura Botts

DWIGHT AND VELCIE BOTTS

Dwight was born Sept. 5, 1889, at Chaska, Minn. to Robert and Morna Walker Botts. He had 2 brothers, Gail and John, and 3 sisters, Ivey, Edna, and Birdie.

Velcie, the daughter of John and Ida Hyatt Swafford of Walton, Ind. was born May 14, 1896. She had one sister, Edna McDonald.

Dwight and Velcie were married Oct. 12, 1920. They have 2 sons, John (Bob) R. and Jack C., both born in Ludden.

John was born Feb. 17, 1922, and married Gloria Backman from Fargo, N.D. in June, 1949. They have 9 children. He served in the Army Signal Corps in World War II in New Guinea. After the war was over, he came home and attended college and now works for Daniel International-Control System, as a purchasing manager.

Jack C. Botts was born Oct. 11, 1924 and married Doris Everhart from Des Moines, Ia. Sept. 10, 1950. They have 4 children. He, also, served in the army in World War II and was stationed in Italy. He had 51 combat missions in a bomber. After the war, Jack attended the University in Lincoln, Neb. For the past 10 years, he has been chairman of the News Editorial Dept. at the University of Neb., and has been awarded a 20-year pin for being on the University staff. Prior to this, he was telegraph editor and editorial writer for the Lincoln Journal.

Dwight and Velcie left Ludden in 1950, moving to Monticello, Ind., and after 5 years moved to Lincoln, Neb. Dwight passed away in 1956.

The following notes are recollections from Jack Botts: "Gail Botts bought out Lee and Jerry Sampson's grocery business in 1918, and later that year my dad (Dwight) came to join in partnership with Gail. Both Gail and my Aunt Ella were ill with the flu that year and couldn't keep the store open alone.

Botts Brothers store was in operation from 1918 until 1948, when Gail, who had been living in Wisconsin since 1939, bought out Dad's share and Dad retired. Gail kept the store going for another year or two, until he passed away. His son Burton and wife Betty operated the store until about 1950.

"The old Ludden bank was just to the east of the Botts Brothers store and when it folded in the spring of 1933, Dad and Gail received the bank bulding as partial settlement of what the business had lost in the bank failure. They moved their hardware and dry goods stock into that building from where it had been in the old Odd Fellows Hall across the street. They built a connecting door between the two buildings. They used the vault and safe from the old bank to store cash so they could cash checks and keep the economy of the town on its feet. At the store one could buy groceries, meat, hardware, shoes and work clothing, cloth and sewing notions, gasoline, oil, tires, batteries and tools, as well as farm machinery and well equipment. They sold such diverse equipment as windmills and radios and washing machines.

"The old post office was in the block east of the block which held the stores and cafe. It was run by Agnes Randall, at least from the 20's through the late 40s. She lived in the rear of the building.

"John Bleibaum operated a cream buying station just west of Botts Brothers store, in the 1930's a diesel powered light plant was installed just to the west of Bleibaum's cream station, about where he had operated an ice house for many years.

I remember Heine Meyer and his wife, Georgia, inviting the town's service veterans of World War II to a steak dinner at his cafe in 1946. The cafe continued until about 1948.

"Ludden was a good little town, a good place to grow up in. I had a good childhood and education there."

GARRY AND JULIE BOTTS

I (Garry) was born June 29, 1948, at Park Falls, Wis., to Burton and Betty Smith Botts. I received the first 8 years of my schooling in the Ludden School and attended high school in Guelph, graduating from there in 1966. After leaving Guelph, I attended the University of North Dakota-Ellendale Branch for 2½ years, then graduated from UND at Grand Forks in 1970. I taught Industrial Arts for 1 year in Minneota, Minn. school system. I moved to San Francisco, Calif. and began a career in Air Freight Industry. This career has taken me to work in such places as Honolulu, Hawaii, Agana, Guam, Tokyo, Japan, and New York, N.Y., where I now make my home with my family.

My wife Julie was born June 26, 1943, in Kingston, N.Y. We were married in 1975 and have 2 sons, Christopher Robert and Patrick Dean. I have a brother, Dean, living in Geneseo, Ill. My parents are deceased.

GUS BRADKE



Mr. and Mrs. Gus Bradke, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Peterson, James and Diane

Gus Bradke, the son of Edward and Louise Reiman Bradke, was born Jan. 27, 1912, at Barnard, S.D. He has 2 sisters, Elsie Bradke of Frederick, S.D., and Martha Meier of Aberdeen, S.D., and one brother, Alfred Bradke of Frederick, S.D. On March 18, 1945, he married Laila Youley, the daughter of Frank and Eugenia Poykko Youley. She was born October 22, 1924. Laila has 2 sisters, Verna Erhart of Vancouver, Washington, and Martha Doty of Ludden.

They farmed in the Guelph area from 1945 until 1952. They then purchased a farm in Savo Township and lived there until retiring in 1979.

They have one daughter, Donna, born July 18, 1947. She married Lyle Peterson of Northville, S.D., June 21, 1968. They have 2 children, James and Diane.

After a long illness Mr. Bradke passed away on February 11, 1983. Mrs. Bradke has moved to Northville, South Dakota.

ELMER AND EVELYN BRADY



Elmer and Evelyn, 1982
Earl, Mary Ann (Fischer), Pearl (Zimbleman), Norbert.

Elmer P. Brady was born November 11, 1910, at Portsmouth, Iowa, and came to Ludden, North Dakota with his parents, James Brady and Floy Orris Brady in the year 1911. James and Floy Brady were married December 1, 1895. To this union 8 children were born-John Donald of Warren, Oregon, Mary Agnes Scott, deceased, Margaret Frances Scott, St. Helens, Oregon, Helen Dorothy Bogardus, deceased, James Leslie of Warren, Oregon, and Lillian Cecelia Mattson, Ocean Park, Washington. They settled on a farm ½ mile south of the Supper club and lived there 2 years. They then bought the farm where Arnie Hoikkala lives. The country school was ½ mile from the Brady farm and Elmer used to start the fire in the mornings. When Elmer was 13, his father passed away, so helping his mother with the farming fell to him.

He graduated from grade school in 1925. Due to the loss of 200 hogs with cholera and crop failure from the drought, they lost the farm. Elmer worked out for some neighbors and farmed some with his brother and his brother-in-law. Then in 1928 he met Evelyn Schroeder and in 1931 they were married. To this union, 4 children were born—Earl Edwin, Mary Ann, Pearl Evelyn, and Norbert Gene.

Earl married Leora Karlen October 10, 1952. They adopted Michael Earl in 1961 and Brenda Lee in 1963.

Mary Ann married Andrew Fischer in 1955. They had 11 children, 5 **OF THEM BEING THE FAMOUS FISCHER QUINTS.**



Elmer and Evelyn Brady and part of their Grandchildren, James, Todd, Mike, Dan, Sandra, Brenda, Evelyn, Cindy, Julie, Margie, Maggie, Cathy, Charlotte, Annie. (Including the Fischer Quints)

Pearl married Vern Zimbleman in 1958. They have 2 girls, Roxanne and Carrie.

Norbert married Kay Frohling in 1966. They have a boy and a girl, Todd and Sandra.

Elmer and Evelyn lived on the Arnie Hoikkala place for 2 years, 8 years on the Stratter farm and on the Korpua farm for 11 years.

Then in 1954 they got a F.H.A. loan and purchased the farm (where they still live) from Evelyn's mother, Mrs. Mary Schroeder, better known as the Prussing farm.

Recollections by Elmer: 1932: I sold pork for 1½ cents a lb. and corn for 10¢ a bushel, oats, 7¢. We burned corn because it was cheaper than coal. I cut trees in the road ditch to burn for fuel. One particular tree was 18 inches in diameter and 25 ft. tall. I used my lariat rope on the saddle of the horse I was riding and had the horse drag it home after it was cut down. I got 2 heats out of that wood--one when I cut it up and one whenever we burned it.

AL AND CORA BRAUN



Al and Cora Braun and family.

Al Braun was born October 30, 1908 to Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Braun of Humphrey, Nebraska. He married Cora Magsamen of Humphrey, Nebraska, on August 21, 1931. They have four sons and one daughter.

The Bruan's came to Guelph in the fall of 1937. At one time they farmed the Baldwin Ranch 11, presently the Johnny Meyer farm in Port Emma Township, the N½ of Sec. 8-129-60.

They moved to Wheaton, Minnesota, October 1, 1941, where they farmed until 1970 when they retired. They now live at Cornelius, Oregon.

Their daughter Helen married Harold Hagle; they have 11 children. Mark married Marilyn Roman and have 4 children; Melvin married Marie Gasford and have 2 children; Raymond married Jackie Kiefer and have 2 children; Aloy married Madelyn Lundman and have 3 children.

Mrs. Matt (Anna) German of Guelph was Al's sister and Mrs. Bernita German of Guelph is Cora's sister.

LEE AND JUNE BRIDWELL



Robert Bridwell, Lee and June Bridwell, Sandy and Max Ebling, Richard Bridwell.

I, June, am the daughter of Clyde and Hannah Beck Hauser. I grew up in the Guelph community and attended the Guelph School, graduating from there in 1948. I attended NI at Ellendale. Jan. 1, 1952 I married Lee Bridwell at Elgin Air Force Base, Florida. We spent our first year living in Florida. Then came his orders to go to Saudi Arabia. I returned to North Dakota to teach while he spent 13 months in Arabia. We then went to Ellsworth Air Force Base at Rapid City. We spent an enjoyable tour there until he received orders for Dreux Air Force Base in France. I remained at Rapid City, teaching until my travel orders came. Then came my first adventure—flying to New York, going through orientation, and then on to Paris, France. We spent one year at the air base in France, which was 60 kilometers from Paris. On three-day breaks we would sight see all the sights in Paris. While in France, we lived in a room in a castle or a big chateau. The madame and her brother had converted parts of the castle to rent to G I's. In one year we received a compassionate transfer to Bitburg Air Base in Germany. This transfer was arranged so we could adopt a baby. After three months in Germany we adopted a baby girl, Sandy. We really enjoyed our 24 months in Germany. We then came back to Ellsworth Air Force at Rapid City, S.Dak. It was at Ellsworth Air Force Base that our twins, Robert and Richard, were born. Our next transfer was to Sheppard Air Force Base, Lee received orders to go to Korea. I returned to N. Dak. and finished my education. When he returned from Korea, we were sent to James Connally Air Force Base at Waco, Texas. There we remained until his retirement. When he retired, we went to Albuquerque for 2 years and then moved to Plainview, Texas, where we seem to have found a permanent home. Our daughter, Sandy, is married to Max Ebling and they have a daughter, Krista. Our son Robert is married and they have a son, Keenon. Our son Richard is single. All our children live in Plainview.

While in Germany we attended the Worlds Fair at Brussels, Belgium. We, also, saw tulip time in Holland—miles and miles of tulips—just beautiful.

HARTLEY AND SALLY BROWN



Melanie, Sally, Jolene, Bradley, Wendell, Hartley Brown.

Hartley Wayne Brown, son of Raymond and Mildred (Guss) Brown grew up in the Fullerton area attending school there, where he was an outstanding basketball player. After graduating in 1950, he enlisted in the navy. He returned home in May 1953 making his home with his parents in Guelph for three summers while attending the University of North Dakota at Grand Forks in winters.

In the fall of 1965 he married Sally Lamport, daughfter of E. Ray and Nora Lamport of Hecla. They have four children: Wendell Wayne, born November 25, 1957, Jolene Rae, born May 1, 1959, Bradley Allen, born May 8, 1960 and Melanie Jean, born August 29, 1961. On April 15, 1978 their son, Wendell drowned, while attending the University of Minnesota.

Hartley graduated from UND Grand Forks and taught band for two years in Grafton. In summer he attended classes at Vandercook School of Music in Chicago and received his Masters degree in music. He now teaches in Valley Junior High School at Grand Forks. His wife is a ward supervisor at Valley Memorial home for the aged.

RAY AND MILDRED BROWN



Karen Brown, Mildred Brown, Bill Brown, Ray Brown, HartleyBrown, Marilyn Folkestad, June 13, 1952. For Ray Brown's Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Raymond William Alfred, son of Harry and Maude (Shives) Brown was born in Yorktown Township on the Barnes place now owned by Walt Webster. He grew up in the Fullerton area, graduating from Ellendale High School. He had two sisters, Ruth and Evelyn, and one brother, Marvin.

Mary Mildred Guss Brown, daughter of Brady and Florence (Eyestone) Guss, was born at Edmore, N.D. Being just around 3 pounds at birth, she spent the first weeks of life in a shoe box heated by hot water bottles. When she was six, she and her family moved to Halliday, N.D. where her dad was killed in a mining accident. At the age of fifteen she came to Fullerton with her mother and four sisters, Eleaner, Ruby, Nina and Shirley. There she met Raymond and after

graduation from high school, they were married and lived on a farm at the north edge of Fullerton where they tried to start farming in depression years.After a few years of drought, grasshoppers and low grain prices they had to find something else. Ray worked for the highway department and forestry department. Then they went to California and he worked at Rainbow Pier during the war. After returning to North Dakota, he started working for Dickey County highway department building roads. In 1945 a road grader was put in Guelph. In May 1946, he was offered the position as road maintainer at Guelph.

The family moved to Guelph July 4, 1946, and lived for two years in the Waite house, then moved up on the hill to the Jensen house. Ray worked 33 years at this job, some very hard years, when he was out by 6:00 a.m. and many times not home until 10:00 p.m. especially winters when one blizzard after another occurred. The second year they were in Guelph, the snow piled in so hard at the bank corner, dynamite had to be used to get it loose. One time Von Eschens who lived west of Guelph were without fuel and he tried to open the road to their place which was nothing but a prairie trail at that time. He ran off the trail, and some men in the community worked most of the night trying to get the grader back on the road. They had lunch at Palmer Vie's at midnight. They got the grader back on the road the next afternoon and the road opened to get fuel to the Von Eschen's. He just got back to town and got word that Bobby Beck was very ill. So he plowed the road open ahead of the car taking Bobby to Oakes and from there he was taken to Britton. Before the farmers got scoops on their tractors, he plowed out many hay stacks and driveways. He wore out 3 new graders in the 33 years he worked.

Mildred worked as school cook for 29½ years and as janitor for 1½ years. When she started, she cooked the meals at home and carried them to school in Billy's wagon. The fire was supposed to be ready to keep food warm and heat water (which Jewel Maddock and Beverly Anderson hauled from Newman's well). It was an old cook stove and most of the time she had to start fires and clean out ashes after she got there. Miss Oliason had class in the same room. Then they were given a used electric stove and most of the time the burners wouldn't work. Then she would have to take things home and cook them.

When the gym was built, a kitchen was put in the runway between school and gym which was an improvement.

An embarrassing moment Mrs. Brown recalls occurred one day when they were having scrambled eggs and something with whipped cream on it. We got our cream from Mrs. Salo. She would put it in a gallon jug with wax paper held on by a rubber band. I mixed up the scrambled eggs ready to fry and then went to beat cream. I pulled the wax paper corner and the rubber band flew. Emma Gelling and I looked everywhere in the kitchen and couldn't find the rubber band. When we served the high school, one of the boys held up the rubber band and said, "Look what I found in the scrambled eggs." This was very embarrassing then, but laughable now.

But, oh the joy, when she moved into the new kitchen, which in a short time had most of the conveniences anyone could want. She saw the lunch program grow from bringing food cooked at home to one of the better programs in the county. She was also school clerk for 14 years and active in her church.

In 1967 they moved to the former United Methodist parsonage and both retired in May of 1979. They have four children: Hartley Wayne married Sally Lamport of Hecla, S.D., September 1, 1955. They have four children, Wendell (died at age 20), Jolene, Bradley and Melanie.

Marilyn Rae, married Jerry Folkestad of Oakes, September 9, 1956. They have three children, Brenda, Richard and Thomas.

Karen Ann, married Franklin Bell of Ellendale, April 5, 1963. They have three boys, Rhett, Mark and William.

William Harry, married JoAnn Rodine of Oakes, August 15, 1966. They have two children, Brian and Lisa. They parted in July 1974. He married Thayrn Thorn, May 18, 1979. She had two children, Frankie and Pat.

Ray and Mildred celebrated their golden wedding day June 27, 1982 with a reception at the school multi-purpose room hosted by their children. About 100 friends and neighbors wished them a Happy Anniversary.



Mr. and Mrs. Brown assembling the Palmer Vie's Golden Wedding Anniversary cake.

Mildred's hobby is baking and decorating cakes for special occasions, such as birthdays, wedding anniversaries, etc. She estimates she has made at least 575 such cakes. They are a work of art.



Mrs. Ray Brown with the cake she baked for the Guelph Alumni.

WILLIAM & THAYRN BROWN



William and Thayrn Brown



Lisa Brown



Brian Brown



Frankie Thorn



Patrick Thorn

William H. Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Brown was a resident of Guelph from birth in 1947, until the summer of 1967.

He is a graduate of Guelph High School, a 1969 graduate of the University of North Dakota, and has done graduate work at the Moorhead State University.

Presently he is employed as band director at the New York Mills, Minnesota, high school. He has toured quite extensively as a professional dance band musician, conducted the New York Mills High School Band on a trip to Disneyworld in Orlando, Florida, the Minneapolis Aquatennial, and seven Minnesota state tournaments.

With wife, Thayrn, they reside at 311 N.E. 4th St., Staples, Minn. and have four children: Brian (13) and Lisa (12) Brown and Frankie (18) and Patrick (9) Thorn.

William says: "My only regret about living in Guelph was that I was at band camp when the old high school caught on fire."

COLIN AND SHARON BURKHARDT



The Colin Burkhardt Family

Colin Burkhardt was born on October 1, 1943 in Aberdeen, S.D. to Peter and Edna (Lee) Burkhardt of Guelph. He graduated from Guelph High School in 1961 and the UND, Grand Forks.

Colin has two sisters: Wilma Raugutt of Ellendale and Evelyn Telin of Hecla, S.D. and two brothers, Raymond and Doyle of Guelph.

Colin married Sharon Visto in June of 1965. She is the daughter of E.A. and Lillian (Hillius) Visto of Oakes. Sharon has two sisters and three brothers; Shirley Elsner of Lidgerwood, Erwin of Lidgerwood, Emery of Oakes, Brenda Minard of Fargo and Gary of Oakes.

After Sharon and Colin were married, they lived in many areas of the United States and also in Germany. Sharon and Colin have two children, Christine and Mark. They now reside in Benicia, Calilfornia, near San Francisco where Colin is in sales with Proctor and Gamble and Sharon is a piano/organ teacher.

DOYLE AND SANDRA BURKHARDT



The Doyle Burkhardt Family

Doyle Burkhardt, the son of Peter and Edna Lee Burkhardt, was born September 16, 1941, at Oakes. He attended rural school in Ada township and Guelph School and college at Wahpeton Science. September 30, 1967 he married Sandra Coon, the daughter of Charles and Lucille Bolstad Coon of Nortonville, N.D. She was born March 2, 1947 in Edgeley, N.D. The Burkhardts have 3 daughters, Rebecca, Stacey and Tina who are at home and attend Ellendale Public School. Besides farming Doyle is also co-owner of Burkhardt Implement in Ellendale.

NICK AND MARY BURKHARDT



Mr. and Mrs. Nick Burkhardt

Nick and Mary (Kasprzykowski) Burkhardt were born and married in Germany. In 1882 they immigrated to America and settle on a farm near Brighton, Iowa, where they raised their family of ten children. Their names are:

Rose, married J.O. Lomren of Fargo, N. Dak. who owned a grocery store, now deceased. They had no children.

Frank, farmer, single, deceased.

Anna, married Fred Dickey of Aberdeen, S. Dak. They had no children and are both now deceased.

Frances, married William Holmes, they had ten children, both now deceased.

Joseph, veteran of World War I, farmer, single, now deceased.

Kathryn married Edward Bruns of Hecla, S.D., both now deceased. They had one daughter, Ethel, now married to Roger Martin. They have 3 children, Kent, Suzanne and James.

Mary, married Wm. Waldon Waite and they had one son, Carroll. He married Ella Steinwand of Ellendale. They have four children, Denise, Debra, Dawn and David. Waldon passed away in 1964.

Peter, married Edna Lee of Hecla, S. Dak. They have 6 children, Roger, deceased, Wilma, Evelyn, Raymond, Doyle and Colin. Peter passed away Dec. 6, 1982.

Thomas, single, deceased; killed in a tractor accident in 1965.

Agnes, deceased, passed away of pneumonia while attending school at Ellendale Normal.

In December 1908, the Burkhardts moved their family and belongings by rail, arriving at Hecla, S.D. From there they came by sled to a farm they had purchased, eight miles southwest of Guelph in Sec. 35-129-61. When arriving at the farm, they discovered the furniture car had not yet arrived, so had to sleep on the floor, a cold experience as they had to sleep with only coats for covers.

All travel and farm work was done with horses or by hand. They raised chickens, milked cows, churned butter to sell to buy groceries.

The first automobile was bought in 1911, later a tractor to help with the farm work. The boys stayed on the farm to help, and the girls, when old enough, found jobs in town at three dollars a week to help buy clothes. All worked hard for their living.

PETER AND EDNA BURKHARDT



The Peter Burkhardt Family

Peter Paul Burkhardt, the son of Nick and Mary Kasprzykowski Burkhardt was born June 5, 1897 in Brighton, Iowa. He moved to North Dakota with his parents in December 1908 where they settled on a farm in the Guelph area. He was a farmer all his life.

He married Edna Arvilla Lee, December 20, 1926. She was born April 17, 1909 to William and Ella Smith of Hecla, S.D.

The Burkhardts had 6 children: Roger, deceased; Wilma Marie married to Walter Raugutt of Merricourt. They live in Ellendale and have three children. Evelyn Evon is married to Jack Telin of Frederick. They live in Hecla and have four children. Raymond Paul married Janet Dosch of Frederick. They live on a farm near Guelph and have three children. Doyle Peter married Sandra Coon of Nortonville. They live on a farm near his parents' home. They have three daughters. Colin Peter married Sharon Visto. They live in California and have three children.

Mr. Burkhardt had six sisters: Rose, Anna, Frances, Kathrine, Agnes and Mary; also three brothers, Frank, Joe and Thomas. All are deceased except Mary.

Peter passed away on December 6th, 1982.

RAYMOND & JANET BURKHARDT



The Raymond Burkhardt Family

Raymond Paul Burkhardt was born on his farm in Ada township to Peter and Edna (Lee) Burkhardt on December 15, 1936. He attended school in Ada township until he entered high school in Guelph in 1950 graduating from there in 1954. Following high school he spent 3 years in the Navy and was discharged in 1957.

September 20, 1958 he married Janet Dosch of Frederick, South Dakota. Janet is the oldest daughter of Sylvester and Esther (Giese) Dosch who still live in Frederick. She has 2 sisters, Sherry Harvey and Bonnie Coss who live in St. Paul, Minnesota, and one brother Rodney who lives on the farm where they were raised.

The following children were born to Raymond and Janet. Douglas Ray was born June 20, 1961 at Ellendale. Doug is a student at Northern State College at Aberdeen, South Dakota. He is majoring in business.

Kristen Kay was born in Ellendale November 5, 1962. She is a student at UND, Grand Forks, and is majoring in home-economics.

Jodi Rae was born in Ellendale, June 15, 1972 and is a student at Oakes, North Dakota.

Raymond has 2 sisters and 2 brothers, Wilma Raugutt of Ellendale, Evelyn Telin of Hecla, South Dakota, Doyle of Guelph and Colin of Benecia, California.

They bought a farm in Port Emma township the N½ of 7-129-60 on which they live.

In March 1981 they purchased and operate a business in Ellendale - Burkhardt Implement in partnership with Ray's brother Doyle.

CLARKE & CAROLINE BURLEY



The Clarke Burley Family



Clarke, the son of Alva and Icie Mahin Burley, attended school in Guelph and graduated from high school there in 1947. After graduation he went to work for a Milling Company in Bismarck, N.D. for 6 months. Then he came to Ellendale and worked at Ulmers Red and White Store for about 1½ years. Uncle Sam beckoned him then so he went into the armed services in Feb. 1951 and spent most of his 2 years in Fort Riley, Kansas, as a cook in Headquarters Co. After receiving his honorable discharge in 1953, he returned home and did some odd jobs around Guelph, including helping out in his Uncle Grover's store. A couple months later he went to Minneapolis to spend a long week end and has been there ever since.

In Minneapolis he worked for Juster Brothers Clothing Store as a hat salesman.

Early in 1954 he enrolled in an accounting and business course at the Minneapolis Business College. After completion of this course, he became employed by International Milling, now International Multi-foods Corporation where he has worked for almost 27 years. He has worked in various accounting positions. At present he is a Tax Supervisor in the Corporate Tax Department.

In 1962 he married Caroline Kjemperud. A son, Craig, was born to them in 1971. Craig is active in sports and in music. The Burley's are active members in the Lutheran Church of the Master which is close to their home in Brooklyn Center, Minn.

ROBERT & BARBARA BURLEY



The Robert Burley Family

On June 18, 1932, Alva and Icie Burley who with their 2 year old son, Clarke, lived on a farm 3 miles west of Guelph, welcomed into their home another baby boy. Robert Carroll was the name chosen for this youngster. Due to Alva's illness, Icie and his sons moved to Dawson for a time where Icie had made her home earlier.

Bob started his education in the Guelph School and graduated from there in 1950. As he always told his children--he graduated "third in his class," Joan Vie and Gladys Hokana being the other two graduates. While in high school, Bob played basketball and as fate would have it, had some teeth knocked out by a ball player from Brampton whose wife would compete with Bob's wife for the delivery room in Britton when his first son Randy was born. Incidentally Bob Burley's wife won!!!

In 1952, Bob received greetings from the President of the U.S. and he left from Ellendale to begin his career in the army. He received his training in several camps in the U.S. and was then sent to Korea where he remained for about a year serving in the heavy mortar platoon.

June 20, 1954, found Bob a free man again, and he returned to his hometown of Guelph where he worked for the Becks and Hausers in their farming operation. In Sept. of 1955, he enrolled at the NI in Ellendale.

In Sept. 1955, a single teacher came to Guelph to teach first and second grade. Barbara Dietz was her name and she was from Cogswell. Her father, Merle Dietz was well known in the community as the Watkin's dealer and had visited in nearly all of the homes in the community at one time or another. Barbara stayed with Hannah Swanson who was at that time the post-mistress for Guelph. Like nearly all young girls, Barb dreamed of some day having a husband and family to cook for. So when the Wearever pots and pans salesman called on her, she ordered a set of pots and pans. When they arrived at the post office, of course, they had to be paid for and the postmistress could not accept a personal check. Bob just happened to be at the post office and offered to take a personal check from the school teacher in exchange for cash. Little did he know he was making an investment in the utensils which would serve him many meals in the nearly 25 years which have passed. They were married in Cogswell August 22, 1958.

After their marriage, they moved to Ellendale where Barbara taught first grade in the Ellendale school and Bob drove school bus and worked at the Mobil Station and later at the Standard Station. Randy Warren was born on June 11, 1960 and Lori Ann joined them on November 17, 1961. In 1962, the family moved to Oakes where they continue to live. Barbara continued her teaching career for another 13 years. Sandra Lee was born on April 12, 1967 and passed away May 28, 1967. Cory Robert joined the family July 28, 1972.

Bob has served as Chief of Police in Oakes since 1969. He is a charter member of the Oakes Ambulance Service and has served as their squad leader since 1975. His wife and daughter are both employed at the Oakes Community Hospital and Randy is employed at Sturdevants, a parts business in Oakes. Cory is attending the Guelph School as did both Randy and Lori.

EUGENE AND CAROL (PIKKARAENION) BURLINGAME

Eugene, son of Harold E. and Gladys (Skoglund) Burlingame was born on what is called the "old" Skoglund Farm in Ada Township, Sec. 21-129-61, April 15, 1933. He had one brother, LaVerne, who is deceased. Eugene graduated from Ellendale High School. He worked at construction work for a time in Virginia, Minnesota, also at the Sand Lake Game Refuge at Columbia, South Dakota. Later he farmed with his father and worked nine years driving the bulk fuel truck for the Farmers Union Oil Co. of Ellendale, North Dakota. He married Carol Ann Pikkaraenian, daughter of Theodore and Edna (West) Pikkaraenian of Hecla, South Dakota, on March 13, 1960. She was born September 9, 1937.

Carol graduated from high school at Hecla, South Dakota, and attended the Robinson Beautician School (Hair dressing and Cosmotology) in Minneapolis, Minnesota and worked for a time in Ellendale. She has one sister, Marjorie, Mrs. William Finley, of Hecla, South Dakota.

Eugene and Carol have two children, Elizabeth Ann and Frederick. Elizabeth, born December 5, 1960, is a graduate of the Ellendale Public School and joined the National Guard. She graduated with a 2 year Forestry Degree at the Bottineau School of Forestry at Bottineau, North Dakota and is attending the North Dakota State University at Fargo, North Dakota.

Frederick (Fred), born January 27, 1965, is a junior at the Ellendale High School. They are members of the Christ of King Lutheran Church in Ellendale.

Carol's grandmother, on her mother's side, was Mrs. Ernest West, the daughter of John and Ida Laho, who also lived in Ada Township (see John Laho story).

HARLAND E. AND GLADYS BURLINGAME



Cecil, Harland, and Gladys Burlingame

Harland Eugene was born in May 1902 near Deer Creek, Minnesota, the youngest son of Frederick and Elizabeth Burlingame. He came to the Silverleaf community in 1925 to look for farm work as Minnesota was very dry.

He and his wife Gladys, oldest daughter of John and Sofia Skoglund, were married in Kirkland, Illinois, June 1930. They lived in Kalamazoo, Michigan, the first two years of the 1930 depression. In 1932 they came back to Guelph to help her father with the farm work. One of the biggest crops was harvested that year. In 1934 they rented the Skoglund farm and in 1950 they purchased it.

Harland and Gladys had two sons, Eugene and LaVern. Eugene has lived in the Guelph vicinity fifty years when the Guelph Centennial arrives. Eugene and his wife Carol Ann have two children, Elizabeth, a senior at NDSU in Fargo, and Frederick, a junior at Ellendale High School.

LaVern was an educator in Washington for fifteen years. His family resides in and around Seattle. He is deceased.

Harland passed away April 10, 1978 in Ellendale. The farm has been rented since 1969 and has been in the family eighty years. The writer, Gladys Burlingame, has soon lived that long out of the one hundred years. So many happy memories of the 1983 Guelph Centennial.

ERNIE AND PHYLLIS BURNHAM

In May of 1964, Phyllis Sandberg graduated from Guelph High. The following August she packed her bags and headed for Minneapolis.



The Ernie Burnham Family

On May 27, 1971 she married Ernie Burnham who was from Michigan. They made their home at 3505 East 26th Street in Minneapolis. They have a son, Ernie II who was born July 15, 1974.

Phyllis is a former licensed practical nurse. At present she runs her own bread making business - "Slice & Enjoy" - bread without chemicals. Ernie is a warehouseman for Super Valu. He plays Santa every Christmas at the school for the mentally and physically retarded.

Carl Sandberg is Phyllis' father. He's retired from farming and lives in Fargo. Her mother passed away in 1949.

ELI AND EMILY BURO



The Eli Buro Family

Eli Alfred Buro, son of Fred and Lena (Wanttie) Buro of Ludden was born June 24, 1933, in Brown County, near Hecla, S.D. June 22, 1957 he married Mary Ann Siegler, daughter of George and Emily (Miller) Siegler. She was born Aug. 6, 1938, near Monango, N.D.

Eli and his family live on a farm south east of Oakes on what used to be known as the Almon Ranch. They have a family of 4 girls and one boy. Joanne, born Oct. 4, 1958, married to Diane Hopkins of Hecla. They have 4 children and live in Oakes.

Jim, born Oct. 4, 1960, is farming at home with his father.

Judy, born Jan. 17, 1964, is a student at Wahpeton School of Science.

Julie Ann, born May 14, 1967 and Janel, born Nov. 25, 1970, are both students of Oakes Public School.

Eli has one brother, Eugene of Hecla, and 2 sisters, Darlene Benson, of Minneapolis and Shirley of Grand Rapids, Minn.

FRED & LENA BURO

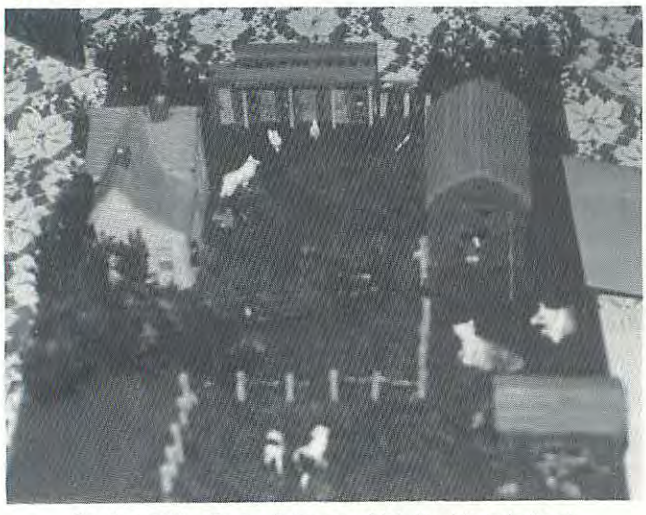


Mr. and Mrs. Fred Buro
(50th Anniversary) June 22, 1981

Fred Buro, the son of Eli and Alma Tikkanen Buro, was born January, 1912, in Portage township near Hecla. Alma was from Kokkola, Finland. Eli and Alma were married in 1911. Eli was killed in an automobile accident Aug. 23, 1915 and Alma died in 1951.

Fred married Lena Wanttie, daughter of Walter and Hilda (Nelmark) Wanttie June 23, 1931. Walter was from Calumet, Michigan, and Hilda was from Alajarvi, Finland. Hilda died in 1918 during the flu epidemic and Walter died in 1936.

In August of 1931 Fred and Lena moved to the Porter farm south of Ludden where they lived for a year and a half. Then they moved back to a farm in South Dakota. They were not content there so moved back again to the Porter farm near Ludden. They were busy but took time to enjoy their children and horses. When their days work was done, they liked to ride their horses.



Replica of the Porter farm on which Fred Buro's lived

Fred and Lena have two sons and two daughters, Eli Alfred, Eugene, Shirley Marie, and Darlene. Eli Alfred was born June 24, 1933 in Portage township near Hecla. He married Mary Ann Siegler, daughter of George and Emily Siegler of Manango, N.D. on June 22, 1957. They live on the Oman Ranch south east of Ludden.

Eugene, born July 17, 1934, married Emma Martins, daughter of Jerry and Emma Martins of Britton, S.D. Eugene is an expert welder and isnow employed at Garden State Bean Co. of Oakes. Eugene and Emma have two daughters and a son. Kathy works at the Oakes Good Samaritan home, Karen works at Kennedy Korner Kafe in Oakes and Richard is a sixth grader in school.

Shirley, born Sept. 1937, with her friends Irene and Betty Kay Starkka went to Minneapolis in 1955 where Shirley secured a job as a dental assistant. In 1966 she and her friends moved to Grand Rapids, Minn. where Shirley has a job in the office of an orthodontist.

Darlene, born Nov. 14, 1940, attended Wahpeton School of Science where she met John Benson. They were married in Grace Lutheran Church in Oakes Oct. 1960. They live in Minneapolis where Darlene attended Compton Charm School where she won several trophies. She now works with Thorpe Real Estate. Her husband is the owner of the Benson Metal Mfg. They have two daughters, Renae and Lisa.

In 1954 Fred and Lena had an enjoyable vacation trip with Frank and Hilda Luoma through several states. They especially enjoyed the Black Hills. In 1972 they retired and moved to Ludden into the house Clarence Henderson built.

WILLIAM & MINNIE BUROW



William and Minnie Burow

William Burow was born March 1, 1878 in Germany. He came to America during his teen years. He farmed for some time in Iowa, then he and his wife and four children, Annie, William, Reinie, and Gustie moved to Frederick, South Dakota, on a farm. Later they moved to Hudson Township and the children attended school in that district. When they moved to Guelph in 1925-26, they had a family of ten children.

Minnie Burow was born April 16, 1880 in Germany. Her mother was a widow so she and her five children came to America in a boat. Minnie worked in a clothing factory for a while around Chicago.

In the spring of 1916 they had a sale and sold everything except the furniture. They moved from Frederick to Mevill, Wisconsin. The furniture was shipped there in a box car and the family traveled on the train.

In 1918 again they sold out all except the furniture and moved to Oakes, North Dakota locating a farm north of Clement. Then later moved to the Patterson Ranch. In 1925 or 1926 Mr. Burow purchased the blacksmith shop in Guelph. He moved his family to the Dennison farm, now occupied by Clyde Hauser, Sr.

They held several dances in the large west room of the house south of Guelph. Anna and Martin Jensen lived in this room for awhile. The parents and Jensen's talked alot of German during that time.

Minnie was active in promoting a Ladies Aid when the First Lutheran Church held services in Guelph.

Bill and Reinie farmed. The children always had plenty to do as Minnie had a flock of chickens. The eggs paid for part of their groceries. Louise had to gather the eggs and one night the lamb, that her brother had raised on a bottle and Mrs. Sell had given to him, chased her and she sought refuge on a hay rack seat. William came home about that time and said, "I guess we will have mutton", and they had their first taste of mutton!

In 1932 William and Minnie sold out and moved to Backus, Minnesota. William drove a team of horses and a wagon load of stuff through to Backus.

William passed away in 1945. Minnie was in the Good Samaritan Nursing Home for over 8 years. She passed away after a stroke on December 22, 1972.

Their children are:

Annie Kunrath Bordt, Lisbon, North Dakota (see William and Annie Kunrath history).

Bill Burow lived in Oregon, passed away several years ago. They had an adopted girl.

Gustie Marie lives in Centuria. She has 3 girls.

Reinie lived in Valley City, deceased, they had 4 children.

Elsie Witt lived in Flint, Michigan. Her husband, Bill, passed away in January 1982. They had 4 children.

Carl Burow now resides in the Golden Rule Rest Home in Ellendale. His wife, Naomi Wagner, is deceased. They had 4 children.

Louise Sherman lives at Backus, Minnesota. Her husband, Harlan, retired from Burlington Northern Railroad in 1974. He worked there for 34 years. They have 3 children.

Walter Buro was married and lived in Washington. He had 4 children. He is now deceased.

Ernest Burow is married and lives in Flint, Michigan. He has no children.

Harold Burow was killed in France in World War II in 1945. He had one daughter.

JAMES AND MURHEL CARLSON

James Carlson from Jud, ND came to Ellendale with his wife Murhel Schlect Carlson in 1960. He has worked in gas station, owned a parts store and is presently farming. Murhel, a Kulm High and N.I. graduate has taught school in Guelph, Streeter, and is presently teaching in the Ellendale Public system.



Mr. and Mrs. James Carlson

David, the oldest son, is a graduate of Ellendale High School and Jamestown College. He and his wife Nancy Boniek Carlson, the daughter of Royal and Alvera Boniek, are attending the University of Minnesota where both graduated in May. Nancy from nursing and Dave from Dentistry.

Cameron, the second oldest son, is married to LaVae Ulmer from Fullerton. He is a graduate of Ellendale High School and School of Mines, Rapid City, SD as a chemical engineer. He is working at Celanese Chemical Co., Pampa, Texas.

Carmen is a senior at NDSU, Fargo, ND where she is majoring in medical technology. She has been accepted to do her intern work at St. Joseph's, Minot, ND.

JENS AND HELEN CARLSON



The Carlsons: Jens, Helen, Donald, Bernice, Virginia, Mary and Lloyd.

Jens was born in Norway. Since his mother died when he was born, he was taken by his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Ole Olufson, and raised in their home. He came with them to the United States in 1902. They first settled in Iowa and then came to North Dakota in 1907, settling in Ada Township. He attended the rural school in Ada township.

In Oct. 1920 he married Helen Myrtle Rue, who was born in Wadena, MN, Oct. 22, 1901. She was the

daughter of Reverend and Mrs. Herbert Rue. Mr. Rue was the pastor of the Holiness Methodist Church in Guelph.

After their marriage they lived on a farm in Ada Township for several years then moved to Oakes where Jens did carpenter work and Helen worked at the North American Creamery.

Five children—Donlad, Bernice, Virginia, Mary, and Lloyd—were born to them.

In 1958 Jens took a trip to Norway to meet his brothers and sisters there whom he had not seen. Later he and Helen took 2 trips together to Norway. Helen enjoyed his relatives and the country very much even though she couldn't talk the language. Jens went back again in 1982.



Jens and Helen Carlson on their 60th wedding anniversary

After retirement, Jens and Helen spent many of their winters in California. They celebrated their Golden wedding anniversary in 1970 in the Oakes United Methodist Church and their 60th wedding anniversary in 1980 in the homes of his cousin, Opal Patton.

Helen passed away May 16, 1981, in the Oakes Hospital. Jens lives in their home in Oakes.

VIRGINIA HANSEN CARSTENSEN

After graduating from Guelph High School in May, 1968, I attended several colleges and graduated with a secondary education degree in physical education and business.

My first job took me to Eau Claire, WI, in August, 1973 where I was hired to be a dorm supervisor, teacher, and coach at Immanuel Lutheran College. I spent two years there and met my future husband.

On May 31, 1975, I, Virginia Marie Hansen, the daughter of Franklin and Mable Hansen, (born April 8, 1950) married Dean Herman Carstensen (born November 24, 1953) of Sleepy Eye, MN, at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church of Hecla, SD.

We moved to our first home at 407 North Second Street, Mankato, MN, where Dean had been called to teach grades 7 and 8 and be principal of Immanual Lutheran Grade School, 421 North Second Street, Mankato, MN.



Dean and Virginia Carstensen and family.



On April 22, 1976, our first daughter, Heather Mae Carstensen, was born. She is now 6 years old and a first grader at Immanual Lutheran Grade School.

On August 31, 1977, we were blessed with identical twin sons, Jeremiah Franklin and Sherman David. They are currently 5 years old and anxiously waiting to go to kindergarten next fall.

Moving right along on September 17, 1978, Benjamin Edward was born. He is four years old and finds himself always in the middle of everything.

On May 14, 1980, Joel William Carstensen was born. He is now two years old and trying very hard to keep up with his brothers and sister.

Last but no least is Rebecca Marie. She was born October 19, 1982. She doesn't know what she's gotten herself into yet, but she isn't lacking for someone to talk with.

Within our seven and one half years of married life, we have been blessed with six children, three homes, and two jobs. We are presently living in a lovely home 5 miles north of Mankato, Minnesota. We have a large garden and two acres of woods, Dean is currently teaching math, science, physical education, and choir at Immanuel Lutheran High School, Mankato, MN.

Our world revolves around our church, family, and school. Our days are filled spreading His Word through Christian education.

FRANCES JOSEPHINE HANSEN CASANOVA



Frances Casanova

Frances Josephine Hansen was born Oct. 30, 1912, at Guelph, ND to John A. and Marie C. Hansen. She was baptized March 9, 1913 by Pastor C. H. Wiedernders. In 1919 she started school at Eaton School #7 Dist. #11, SW¼-29-129-60 (later changed to Port Emma School #3, Dist. #33). Frances was confirmed 6-8-30 at First Lutheran Church of Guelph by Pastor M. W. Voelzke. This church was served by the pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church of Hecla, SD. Barb Jensen and other Lutherans in the area had asked him to serve their spiritual needs. Frances graduated from the eighth grade June 6, 1927. That summer she helped her parents on the farm.

In Oct. of 1934 she enrolled in Minette Beauty School at Fargo, ND, and graduated from there Dec. 22, 1934. In 1935 she went to Spearfish, SD to work with her sister Johanna who had a beauty shop there. Frances married Paul Casanova Dec. 30, 1939, at Milbank, SD. They had two children, a daughter, Carol, born Nov. 22, 1940, and a son, Thomas Larry, born Sept. 1, 1942. They were divorced in 1958.

Carol married Shirley Wilkie of Belcourt, ND. They have two daughters and live in Aberdeen, SD.

Frances retired from full time work in 1980 but still holds here Beauty Operator's license. She resides at 223-S Main, Apt. 6-G, Aberdeen, SD.

DON AND MARCIA CHARPENTIER

I, Marcia Remillard, was born October 25, 1927, at Lake City, SD to Adilor and Jillian Remillard. At the age of 12, I moved with my parents and brothers and sisters to one of the Baldwin ranches near Guelph. I attended country school Kent #1 for 2 years. Then I attended my first two years of high school at Guelph. We then moved to another ranch and we were in the Oakes district. I graduated from Oakes High School in 1946 and worked at Sanders Rexall Drug for three years. In 1949 I married Don Charpentier, son of Esther and the late Alexander Charpentier. We have four children: Ronald, Fargo; Marti, Minneapolis; Perry, NDSU and Carma, Oakes. Carma married John Forward and they have two children, Erin, age 3, and Jacob, age 1½. My husband works for the Department of Energy; therefore we have moved around much. At this time we are living in Oakes, ND.



Mr. & Mrs. Don Charpentier and family.

I had 5 sisters and 7 brothers, 5 brothers are deceased—also my parents.

FLORENCE (PEDERSON) CHUTE

By Florence Chute



Florence and Eugene Chute

I spent many happy years on the Bert Pederson farm located five miles south of Guelph.

I was born in Willmar, MN, on Aug. 23, 1912, to Bert and Cecilia Pederson. My parents moved with the family to Guelph, N.D., and settled south of Guelph.

There were six of us children: Perry, Henry, Nora, Maynard, Willard, and myself.

When I was growing up, we all helped with the farmwork. I would help outside with the chickens, turkeys; and also milked cows. During harvest season I even worked in the fields with haying, shocking grain, and would help my father prepare our separator for threshing. It was great fun.

Our winters were severe. I can remember one three-day blizzard vividly. The snow piled so high that we could step over the telephone wires when we walked to school. During the snowstorm, my father and brothers had a rope from the house to the barn to do the chores. When they reached the barn, they would call back to the house that they arrived safely. Thank heavens, we had enough coal for fuel, and plenty of food.

I attended grammar school in Port Emma township and went to Guelph High School for two years. I graduated from high school in Ellendale, ND, and then went on to the State Normal School in Ellendale to obtain a teacher's certificate. I taught rural school for four years in Port Emma township which I enjoyed very much. We would have box socials and many Christmas and holiday programs which everyone enjoyed.

Our family was saddened by the death of my father two days after Christmas in 1932. He was only fifty-three years old, and it left us in a state of shock for a long time.

In 1935, I was married to Eugene Chute in Chicago on June 16th. We had met while we were in Ellendale High School. He lived with his grandmother, Mrs. Letson, in Ellendale. His mother had died when he was a youngster.

In 1936, we were again saddened by the death of my brother Willard, who was only 20 years old.

While living in Chicago, we owned and operated automatic merchandising machines sellling candy, gum, other confections, and milk. We built the business up, and after thirty years, sold it. After that, my husband went into the computer field.

We have a daughter, Karen, our only child, who is married to Dale Schneider. They live in Huntington Beach, CA, and have two daughters, Roberta and Teresa. Roberta is 21 years old, and Teresa is 19.

We moved to Huntington Beach, CA, in 1974, and are living there at the present time.

GARY COTTEN

Gary Cotten, son of Harley and Ruby (Guss) Cotten, was born at Fullerton, N.D., May 29, 1939. He went to school in Guelph while his folks lived on the Kendall Place northeast of Guelph. He married Sandy Meirose of Aberdeen, S.D., daughter of Lee and Lea Meirose, in November, 1957. They have two children--Bradley, who is married and has two children; and Warren, who lives in Fargo. Warren was injured in a car accident and is paralyzed from the shoulders down, but he has worked hard at becoming able to care for himself. He can now get around in a wheelchair and a van. He lives alone in a trailer house in Fargo where he takes care of himself except for some things he just can't do. He has a young couple that helps him with the things he can't do.

Gary is a cabinet maker and works part time for a company in Chicago and part time on his own. He has 4 sisters: Joyce, Mrs. Alvin Ulmer, Edgeley, N.D.; Florence, Mrs. Francis Mitzel, Maddock, N.D.; Mary Jane, Mrs. Gil Lewis, Oakes, N.D.; Shirley, Mrs. Ted Pfeifer, W. Fargo, N.D.

HARLEY AND RUBY COTTEN



Harley and Ruby Cotten

Harley Cotten, son of Fred and Mary (Malrow) Cotten was born in Minnesota January 22, 1901, and Frances Ruby Cotten, daughter of Brady and Florence (Eyestone) Guss was born at Leola, South Dakota, January 8, 1916. Harley and Frances Ruby were married at Aberdeen, South Dakota, September 15, 1934. They have five children.

Joyce married Alvin Ulmer. They live near Edgeley and have 9 children. Joyce works in the Ellendale Nursing Center.

Gary married Sandy Meirose of Aberdeen, South Dakota. They have 2 children.

Florence married Francis Mitzel of Ellendale. They have 3 children.

Mary Jane married Gilbert Lewis of Hecla, South Dakota. They have 6 children.

Shirley married Ted Pfeifer from West Fargo, North Dakota. They have 3 children.

They lived on the Kendall farm-E½ of Sec. 14-130-60 northeast of Guelph in later 1940's and 1950. One of the big chores was hauling the children to school in Guelph every day as there were no buses to pick up children then. They moved to Fullerton vicinity and then retired to Oakes where they now live.

Harley had 4 brothers and 2 sisters, Howard, Florence, Orville, Vivian, Clifford and Leslie.

Ruth had 4 sisters, Mildred Guss Brown of Guelph, Eleanor passed away in 1978 in California, Nina Crego of Peris, California, and Shirley Crego passed away in 1977 in California.

ORVILLE AND DELLA COTTEN



Mr. and Mrs. Orville Cotten

Orville, the son of Fred and Mary Cotten, was born April 13, 1887 in Minnesota. He came to Ludden in 1904 with his parents and worked as a farm laborer and farmed there most of his life.

December 15, 1915, he married Della Mable Smith, the daughter of Harvey and Mary Linegar Smith. She was born March 23, 1895 in Iowa.

They moved from the Ludden area to a farm in Riverdale. Orville passed away June, 1969 at the age of 81 years, and Della passed away November 5, 1972.



Orville and Della Cotten's 8 children

They had 8 children: namely, Irene born April 9, 1916, married Roy Mildren (now deceased) of Banning, California. They have 1 son.

Mildred born October 12, 1918, married Bill Wuolu and live in Corcoran, California. They have 1 daughter.

Murial, born September 9, 1919, married Arne Hoikkala of Ludden. They have 3 children.

Ernest, born October 3, 1921, married Doris Baklin and live in Missoula, Montana. They have 5 children.

Anna, born August 19, 1923, married Darrell Herzog of Fresno, California. They have 2 sons.

Margaret, born March 21, 1925, married Ralph Beach of Ypsilanti, North Dakota. They have 2 children.

Inez, born May 25, 1927,married Don Henrickson. They have 3 daughters and live in Miller, South Dakota.

Kenneth, born January 19, 1930, married Betty Merkle and lives in Oakes, N.D.

The following are Orville's brothers and sisters: Howard Cotten died in World War I in France.

Clifford Cotten of Oakes; he and his brother Howard used to play for dances in the Randall Hall in Ludden.

Harley Cotten of Oakes.

Helen Beacher - deceased.

Leslie Cotten - deceased.

Vivian Sinclair - deceased.

Florence Kendall is in the Nursing Center in Ellendale.

Dorothy Hatfield of Oakes.

EVERETT AND MARGARET COURTNEY



Mr. and Mrs. Everett Courtney

Everett, the son of Frank and Lois Cooper Courtney was born in Guelph, North Dakota, on August 17, 1899. His earliest playmates were Warren O'Dell, Julius and Rudolph Robie. They attended the Guelph one room school together. The pennies they had to spend for candy were spent at the M.H. Puffer store ½ block from the school. Some of the teachers names were: Lottie Puffer, Gertrude Puffer, Nellie Puffer, Camalie Amley, Rachel Munch and Miss Wright.

Harry Young drove the mail with a team hitched to a buggy chassis with snow runners instead of wheels and which had a small light enclosure bolted to where the buggy proper would be. Inside this he had a small stove, a bucket of coal, a glass window and storage place for the mail. One day as he drove by our school the outside runners sank in the snow. The other runners stayed on top. The carriage tipped over on its side about 200 feet east of the school. Julius Robie and I, (Everett) ran out of the school house and helped him tip his outfit up and he continued on his route. The stove was bolted to the floor, the stove door latched shut so no damage was done by the hot coals because they could not spill out of the stove. However, we had to gather up the bucket of coal.

Margaret, daughter of Anton and Marie Myers Alkofer, was born in Libertyville, Illinois, August 19 1899. There is one day difference in their ages. Everet said he was old enough to be boss! They have tw

children, Vern, born February 4, 1928, and Shirley, born November 1, 1920.

They started "courting" after Everett went down to the Alkofer farm to help the family when they were all sick with the flu in 1918.

They were married October 20, 1919. They celebrated their 63rd anniversary last year.

They lived a few years with Everett's folks and helped them farm. They farmed around the Guelph area until 1937. They then moved to the Ellendale area where Everett worked for the State Highway Department. In 1939 his father died and they moved back to the home farm north of Guelph. Around 1949 or 1950 he purchased what was known as the "Beck" farm, S.E.¼ of Section 2-130-61, several miles northwest of Guelph. They moved up there and went into the "cattle" business. He had a big herd of milk cows and made trips into Wisconsin to purchase all sorts of calves and cows for himself and others. He also farmed quite a bit and on trips to buy cattle into Wisconsin he usually would bring home some "extra farm help". He had a soft spot in his heart for a "kid that needed a job and a home," or some men that had a drinking problem and needed a job! Margaret never knew who would be coming behind him when he came home from a buying trip!

In 1954 they moved into Oakes, North Dakota, where he went into the Real Estate business. He stayed in that until 1965 when he really retired.

They did a lot of traveling around to find a spot that they really liked to spend their winters. They found "the spot" in the lower valley of Texas. In 1966 they purchased a mobile home in Weslaco, Texas, and have spent every winter there since. Their address in the winter is: 102 South Bermuda St., Trails End Mobile Park, Weslaco, Texas, 78596: Summer: 116 South 6th Street, Oakes, North Dakota.

They have 10 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

Some incidents of his early life recalled by Everett Courtney dubbed Pecks' Bad Boy, a name given him during his early days in Guelph.

One of the first things I remember most vividly was a school mate by the name of Hobart Jones. He was 3 or 4 years my senior. We went up in Puffer's watermelon patch back of his trees and stole a watermelon. Mr. Puffer evidently saw us doing it. He called my dad so my dad and mother gave me a quarter and made me go up and give this quarter to Mr. Puffer in the store. I can see his eyes twinkle yet when he took the quarter and said "It was all right."

Another escapade I remember was crawling upon a string of box cars, going up the ladder and reaching over the top and grabbing hold of the bar and pulling myself up. I walked up and down the cat walk on top of the cars and finally the boys that were with me left. I couldn't get down because my legs were too short to reach the next rung. The elevator man saw me and called my dad. He came and got me and needless to say I didn't get on any box cars for a long time after that.

Guelph used to have many picnics in the summertime. I remember one of the races at one of those picnics; they lined up 3 or 4 Model T autos and Clendon Waite was driving one of them. They had to run perhaps 50 yards to their cars; crank them and then get in the car and then run back to a line where they started from. The first one back was the winner. Kenny had taken the spring off of his crank so when he put the crank in it stayed there and he ran to the car. He was a fast runner, anyhow and pushed down on the crank and it started right up. He jumped in and needless to say he won the race.

Guelph had a baseball team. At one time Guelph had one of the best baseball teams in the country. They won games from Ellendale, Oakes, and Hecla. In one of their ball games a fellow came with a broncho which he said couldn't be ridden. There was a cowboy at the game by the name of Bill Bailey and he said he'd ride it. So they brought the broncho in and stopped the ball game long enough for the cowboy to mount the bronc and ride him. This was down on the edge of the dry run south of the first bridge only the run wasn't dry but full of water. He got on and the broncho ran and bucked and finally went into the water and headed for a rock about 4 feet high; he hit the rock and fell over and drenched Bill Bailey to the delight of the spectators.

The house I was born in sat on a corner south of where Roland Waite's house is now. It was a claim shanty type of a house and was on part of the farm that my father farmed. When I was real small, there was a prairie fire that came through that was set by the Soo line engine out of Fullerton. The ashes and soot were so thick there that everyone thought Guelph was going to burn and the farmers that lived there that could fight fire were out trying to backfire. One of the things I remember was Lon Puffer taking out a 5 horse team on a gang plow to try to plow some furrows to back fire from. He was on the northwest part of Guelph on the edge of the big slough where fire and flame would be the thickest. His horses got bogged down there. To get the horses out they had to cut the straps, lines and tugs and then let them get out of there themselves. The plow stayed there. I don't know what happened to that. Frank Dennison was one of the guys in front of that fire, and he had to run out into the plowing and lie down and cover up his head to keep from smothering until the smoke went over. The fire which had traveled from Fullerton went all the way to the James River and clumps of burning hay landed on the other side of the river. By now enough spectators had arrived to stamp out the sparks as they came across the river. This was in the early 1900's.

One time we had a big wind from the west. There was a long string of box cars on the side track. Someone hadn't set the brakes so the big wind blew the box cars down the track hard enough so when they hit the main line they went off on the ties. When the train came the next day old conductor Jones had to stop the train and by some device they put under the wheels were able to raise the cars back on to the siding and then get the train into the station. I'm not sure how many cars, but 3 or 4 maybe.

The old Guelph School when I was a boy, you graduated from the 8th grade. But to get your diploma you had to go to Ellendale to get it through the County Superintendent's office. They had programs there. Nellie Puffer drove me to Ellendale with the horse and buggy in the afternoon and we came back in the evening. She misplaced her whip so she said, "You hold the reins and I'll go back and get my whip," which she

did and then came back and took the lines from me.

After the 8th grade I had to attend school in Ellendale. I remember mother taking me in there and signing me in and enrolling me in the high school classes at the State Normal Industrial School. I rode the train from Guelph on Monday morning. They didn't have school on Monday but on Saturday instead. This one Monday morning I missed the train. Rather than walking home and facing a stiff northwest wind I started down the tracks and walked all the way to Ellendale. One of the reasons I walked is that they were having a serial show in the play house there and I wanted to get back to see that show. I made it, walked the whole 15 miles by rail.

During some of the years I was there I needed some extra money occasionally. I remember the meat market had a bunch of turkeys they wanted to get picked. A fellow by the name of Rass Hobbs took the job and he hired me to help him. He showed me how to stick 'em and pull the feathers off, etc. I had the feathers all off one of the big turkey toms after sticking him myself. He seemed to bleed, but after I got him picked clean and laid up on the pile of turkeys, he jumped off and ran out the door down the alley. I had to run down the alley to catch him and bring him back. Rass had to restick him again to kill him.

Another thing I did while going to school at N.I. was deliver laundry after school.

As I grew older I was always looking for some way to make a dollar or two for spending money. I worked on railroad out of Guelph and helped to raise the snow fences at Muzzy cut. It was quite cold, but I put on a lot of clothes and did my share. Later on the depot agent by name of Arthur Olson got me a job as a station helper out of Kerkhoven, Minnesota. I got a free ride to Minnesota on a pass and went to work for the station there for part of one winter.

Another thing I remember about the hill north of Guelph when I was old enough to drive team and grain wagon into town in the fall. Coming up that hill, I would count 10 or 15 steam rigs over the countryside. As far as I could see, there would be steam going up from the steam rigs.

While they had no bar in Guelph some of the people there would order in a keg or two of beer to come in on the train. It would be unloaded in the freight depot. Then on Saturday night or whenever the beer came in they'd go to the freight depot and have their beer bust there. Of course, none of us "kids" were allowed to go along and watch, but we knew what was going on.

I also remember the time that Kenny and Louise Waite's grocery store burned down in Guelph. The next day I heard that the store had burned down I went in there. We had a small bill there, $2.00. They didn't remember how much we owed but I did. Louise said, "Thanks very much. You are the first one that's come in and paid their bill."

FRANK AND LOIS COURTNEY



Mr. and Mrs. Frank Courtney

Frank was born April 21, 1865, at Hanover, Michigan. He died December 2, 1939. Lois was born January 15, 1866, at Jonsville, Michigan, and died in Anaheim, California, March 6, 1959. They were married May 17, 1885, at Hanover, Michigan. During the early years of their marriage, Frank and Lois raised a "family of three" motherless children, his 2 sisters and 1 brother, who were Mrs. Georgia Hare, Mrs. Nellie Oxford and Bert Courtney, all living in Michigan.

They had four children of their own. Gena, Mrs. C.S. Baker, died in 1957; Genevieve, died at the age of 13; Everett, and Warren. Everett lives in Oakes, N.D. and Warren resides at VIP Trailer Park, Space 66, 5325 Boulder Hwy., Las Vegas, Nevada, 89122.

Frank came to North Dakota in the fall of 1894. Returning to Michigan, he came back to Dakota the following spring with his wife and daughter Gena and settled on a farm about 5 miles south of Guelph where they lived until 1898 when he purchased a house in Guelph. This was their home until the fall of 1907, when he purchased a home one mile north of Guelph, where they resided until the time of his passing.

Frank was one of the early trustees of the Methodist church. Lois was a charter member, joining September 30, 1906. She donated the first $50 toward the building of the church, which was in 1907. He also was a charter member of the First National Bank of Guelph, and a charter member of the IOOF order No. 148.

Frank enjoyed visiting and in later years usually went to town every day up to the day before he died. He usually walked or drove his buggy. It was related in a news item in **The Leader**, that one day he drove his horse and buggy to town. After spending the afternoon he caught a ride home with one of his neighbors. When he arrived home, he was informed that he had driven the buggy to town so he had to walk back to town and drive the horse and buggy home.

After Frank died, Lois bought a little house in Guelph (which still stands on the corner across from former Bank Building). She rented out one of her bedrooms to some school girls during the school year. She also was

an avid reader and housed the Traveling Library in her home. She would order the books from the library in Bismarck, and anyone could come and take out books to read. When the time limit was up on one group of books, she would order out some new ones. She did this until 1953 when she moved out to Anaheim, California. She stayed with her daughter, Mrs. Gena Baker for a while and eventually moved into a little house on the same lot as Gena's and lived there until her death in 1959.

HANK AND SARAH COURTNEY

During the 1890's W.H. (Hank) Courtney and wife Sarah and 2 sons, Lee and Earl, came from Michigan and settled south east of Guelph on N½ of 33-129-60. Hank's brother Frank, also lived in the Guelph area.

Earl married Verdie Thorpe and settled on a farm across from his parents. They had 2 sons, Ross and Roger, and a daughter, Rosalie, who married Harold Engel.

Lee became a traveling salesman and devoted his life to that occupation.

The Earl Courtneys moved to Chicago.

The house in which the Hank Courtney's lived was moved to the Emil Hokana farm.

KURT AND GERI COURTNEY



The Kurt Courtney Family

Kurt was born on June 23, 1953, the oldest son of Vern and Mae Courtney. He attended the Guelph School until 1970. He graduated from Oakes High School in 1971. He married Geri Bitz on June 23, 1979, at Oakes, N.D. Geri came from a family of 10 children. She is the daughter of Katherine and the late Constant Bitz of Edgeley, N.D. She was employed as a nurse in Fargo, N.D. After a couple of moves Kurt and Geri now live at the old "Courtney" farm 1 mile north of Guelph. They have 2 children, Kyle Everett, born September 17, 1980 and Kahri Marie, born June 21, 1982. Kurt is engaged in farming with his brother Bob and his dad in the Guelph area.

VERNON AND ANNA MAE COURTNEY



The Vern Courtney Family

I, Vernon Courtney, son of Everett and Margaret Courtney was born in Port Emma township February 4, 1928. I attended school at Guelph and graduated from Guelph High School in 1946. I attended Ellendale N.I. College and graduated in 1950.

On October 12, 1952, I married Anna Mae Hansen at Cogswell, N.D. We lived on the Beck farm in Kent township until 1957, when we moved to the "old Courtney farm" 1 mile north of Guelph. We farmed there until 1980 when we moved to Oakes, N.D. Bob and Kurt continue to farm the home place.

We have five children: Kurt, Douglas, Patricia, Robert and Pamela and four grandchildren. Kurt and Geri have two children, Kyle and Kahri and live on the home place. Bob and Brenda live 1½ miles north of Guelph and have a daughter, Heather. Pam and Perry Docktor live in Oklahoma City and have one son, Tyler. Douglas is in Grand Forks, N.D. and works at Production

Specialties. Patty lives in Rolla, N.D. and teaches 3rd grade at Belcourt, N.D.



Robert and Brenda Courtney



Heather

DANIEL H. & DELLA COWLEY



Daniel and Della Cowley (Spring 1945)

Daniel H., the son of Daniel T. and Louisa Winkenwerder Cowley, was born Christmas Eve of 1880 in Port Emma Township and grew to manhood there and attended school in Eaton #7. He was baptized and confirmed and taken into the membership of the Episcopal Church. He recalls his parents telling of the great blizzard of 1889. January 1 was a lovely warm day. Several young men were fishing near Ludden in their shirt sleeves. About 4:00 in the afternoon the wind suddenly turned to the northwest. Before 6:00 the snow spawned a full-fledged blizzard. The storm lasted 5 days. On the third day the elder Cowley fought his way to the barn to check the stock. Many animals in the countryside froze to death and those indoors died of thirst.

Dannie (as he was called) married Della Saunders, May 1, 1912 at Ellendale. They lived across the road from the Cowley homestead several years. They then moved to the Charles Austin farm. In 1942, they purchased the Bill McCoy farm (NW ¼ of Section 20 in Port Emma Township) and continued to live there until Dan moved to the Golden Rule Rest Home in Ellendale in 1981. Della passed away in 1955.

Dannie was a member of the IOOF lodge and Della a member of the Rebekah Lodge in Guelph. They were active members of St. Mary's Episcopal Church. They were both interested in gardening.

Although Dannie is 95 years old, his mind is sharp and he has a great memory which makes it a joy to visit with him. He is interested in politics and never missed an election. In the 1982 election he had to vote by absent voters blank as he was ill.

DANIEL T. AND LOUISA COWLEY



Daniel T. & Louisa Cowley

The Cowley family has its origins in the Isle of Man, an Island about halfway between England and Ireland. Daniel T. Cowley was born June 4, 1859 at Kilbourn City, Wis., where he grew to manhood and received his education. At the age of 19, he went to Waukesh, Wis. to work and remained there until he came to Dakota Territory on Jan. 13, 1883. He first filed on a pre-emption 12 miles northeast of Ordway, or 1 mile south of Sand Lake. That winter he lived on the place with a cousin. On foot they carried their provisions from Ordway. After six months he paid the government $1.25 per acre and acquired the land without further residence. He then filed on a tree claim and the following summer, with full faith in this section of land, he squatted on a piece of land for a homestead, the same section where today stands the family home.

He first worked out and hired the breaking done on his tree claim and homestead and also hired the seeding done. The following 2 winters he spent in Wis. because he had no power, but in the fall of 1885 Mr. Cowley purchased a yoke of oxen, a plow and wagon. That year he plowed 30 acres.

That winter he hired the keep of his oxen and on March 2, 1886, married Miss Louisa Winkenwerder of Watertown, Wis. Louisa was born Aug. 13, 1859, at Monteray, Wis., and later moved to Alton, Wis., where she grew to womanhood. March 17, 1886, the happy

young couple arrived at Ellendale to begin this half century of happiness. They brought with them a cow, 12 chickens and lumber with which to build an addition to their shanty which was 10 x 12 ft. in size.

The first summer their nearest trading post was Ellendale, 16 miles distant. It required 12 hours to make that trip with the yoke of oxen. The post office was at Eaton on the James River. A steamboat then operated between Eaton and Columbia. During the winter of 1886 the Northwestern Railway came to Oakes, and Ludden became a marketing point for grain, enhancing the value of his property and taking much of the drudgery from the sale thereof.

In the spring of 1887 the Manitoba Railway came through Guelph to Ellendale and railroad accomodations were thus brought to within 5½ miles of his farm. Then came hard times. Drought wrought its havoc, but the Cowleys, like other pioneers, had no kind and gracious Uncle Sam to heap blessings into their laps. The only aid of any kind given them was when James J. Hill, builder of the Great Northern Railway, shipped in coal free of freight charges. The pioneers were grateful and struggle on, making the best of a bad situation.

The parents of the young Cowley family thought them daft to even try to live in the terrible Dakotas. Daniel's father did come several times to help develop an orchard. The elder Cowley had orchards in Wisconsin, and to him any place without apple trees would be unfit for people to live in. He used dynamite to loosen the hard pan beneath the top soil and planted the apple seedlings. He then grafted the trees. Some still stand today.

Mr. and Mrs. Cowley were members of St. Mary's Episcopal Church and remained loyal to it throughout their lifetime. They gave of their time and means.

The following children were born to them: Nellie (Mrs. Luther Zearley) was born May 20, 1887 and died Sept. 16, 1909 when she gave birth to a daughter, Nellie. This baby was cared for in the Cowley home. She attended high school in Ellendale. She married Ernest Robertson. She contracted multiple sclerosis and was cared for by her Aunt Lela. She died in 1954.

Daniel (See Dan and Della Cowley history)

Allie (Mrs. A.E. Astradson) born Oct. 19, 1890, died March 29, 1980. Her husband worked on the section for Great Northern out of Ellendale so they lived in Ellendale.



Danny Cowley, 90 yrs., Lela Cowley, 93 yrs., taken July 19, 1982.

Lela was born May 29, 1892. She assisted her mother with the care of the children and the household duties. She cared for her parents in their old age, her niece, Nellie Zearley Robertson, who was an invalid due to Multiple Sclerosis. Her brothers Ted and Walter in their last years as well as her sister Allie. She raised a large garden and canned the produce from that. She was a member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church and gave freely for the financial support of it. She served it in various ways: taught Sunday School, was a member of the Altar Guild, Member of the Ladies Aid, Chairman of United thank offering for many years, chairman of Church Periodical Club, organized a girls' choir, played the church organ for many years. At present she is a resident of the Ellendale Nursing Center.

John born in 1894 and died Nov. 28, 1959

James (See James and Hattie Cowley history)

George (See George and Ruth Cowley history)

Walter (Ted) born July 30, 1901 died Aug. 12, 1969. He was called Ted after the famous Teddy Roosevelt. Walter and his brother John took care of the farming operations for their father.

Louisa died Nov. 8, 1939 following a long illness. Daniel T. passed away at his farm home June 3, 1942. They are buried in the Ellendale cemetary.

The following item from the Ludden column of Nov. 12, 1897: D.T. Cowley was in town Wednesday exchanging wheat for flour at our mill. Dan is one of the pioneers of Guelph district and has fought, bled, and almost died to retain his hold on this country but is getting to the front by the cattle and flax routes.

GEORGE AND RUTH COWLEY



George and Ruth Cowley

George, the son of Daniel and Louisa Cowley, was born on the Cowley homestead Oct. 30, 1898.

He was a member of the IOOF Lodge in Guelph for several years. He played the saxophone in the Guelph band and also played solos for various programs. He attended 2 short courses at the NI in Ellendale. He married Anna Hoekle in 1935. They had one son, Marvin, who now is married and lives in Hecla. Anna passed away in 1942.

In the fall of 1943, Ruth Green of Ellendale came to teach the country school 2 miles south of Guelph for 2 years. Aug. 23, 1947, George and Ruth were married in Aberdeen. They have 2 daughters, Carol Gruszka and Betty Knecht, and 8 grandchildren.

George passed away July 21, 1979, very suddenly with a massive heart stroke. Ruth continued to live on their farm for a while. She had an auction sale and moved into an apartment in Ellendale where she is living at present.

JAMES BREW AND HATTIE COWLEY



James and Hattie Cowley.

James Brew Cowley, son of Daniel T. and Louisa Winkenwerder Cowley, was born on a farm (SW 30-129-60) southwest of Guelph, N.D., on June 23, 1896. He received his education at Eaton school #7 (SW29-129-60) and was baptized and confirmed at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. He married Hattie Mae (Craig) Brassfield June 1, 1938. Hattie was the daughter of W.E. and Lizzie Ryon Craig, born Feb. 24, 1894 in Pocahontas County , Iowa.

Hattie attended rural schools in Iowa through the first eight grades. In 1909 she moved with her parents to Oakes, N.D. and finished her high school education there. She received her 2 year teaching certificate from Valley City Normal School. She taught in the grade school in Oakes and also Home Economics in high school.

In 1915 she went to the West Coast to seek employment. She did office work and while there met Claude Brassfield, and they were married in the early 1920's. During the depression years, they came back to N.D. and settled on the farm NE16-129-60 until Claude's sudden death in 1936. Hattie returned to her teaching profession untill her marriage to James Cowley.

Following their marriage they farmed in the Guelph area until his retirement in 1965. In the fall of 1971 they moved to Oakes. Jim passed away Nov. 28, 1971 at Oakes, N.D. and is buried at Sunset Memorial Gardens at Aberdeen, S.D. Hattie resides at the Oakes Good Samaritan Center.

GEORGE AND ELLA CUPPY



Mr. and Mrs. George Cuppy
and granddaughter Ethel Duncan.

The following as told by Bertha Cuppy Duncan:

"Dad (George) was born January 2, 1878 in Missouri Valley, Ia. As a young man he helped to build large brick silos around Des Moines, Ia. Later he came with his Mother and brother to the area near Wessington Springs, S.D. Here they farmed and raised cattle until their cattle contracted anthrax and they lost nearly all of them.

Mother (Ella) the daughter of John and Lucinda Ward was born Oct. 3, 1894 at Minburn, Ia. She had four sisters and two brothers. Her folks had homesteaded near Wessington Springs, S.D.

George and Ella were married April 20, 1921 and moved to a home of their own and continued to farm. To this union six children were born: Bertha, Raymond, George Jr., John, Howard, and Viola. In 1933, Mother became ill and was hospitalized, so we children were cared for in the homes of two of our aunts. Dad continued to farm and work on the W.P.A. program until 1936, when the drought and grasshoppers took everything. Dad sold what livestock was left to pay debts and went to N .D. He worked for George Teal at Oakes, N.D. for two years. Mother improved in health and was able to return to her home again so Dad went back to Wessington Springs, S.D. and worked as a farm laborer in the area.

In 1940 George Teal wanted Dad back to help on his turkey farm. Mother and Dad moved to Guelph and

he worked for Roy Waite and John Beck, also. When George Teal sold out, Dad bought a white team of horses from him and during the winter he would haul coal for the school and people who burned it in their furnaces to heat their homes. He was also hired as a bundle hauler on the threshing rigs in the area. He was remembered as a willing worker as long as he had his health. In 1959 he went to live with my brother, Raymond, at Norbeck, S.D. and passed away Dec. 17, 1959.

Mother passed away of pneumonia at the Jamestown State Hospital, March 22, 1975."

ROBERT AND EDNA DALES



Edna and Robert Dales.

Robert Edward Dales was born Dec. 30, 1919, to Edward and Nellie Dawe Dales at Cheney, Wash. He is the grandson of Silas Dales (see Post Office Story) who built the first general store building in Guelph.

He married Edna Stark, daughter of Robert and Edna Bergeron Stark, of Columbia, S.C. Oct. 11, 1942. They have four sons, Robert Jr., Richard, James and Frederic, and one daugher, Deborah, and four grandchildren.



From left to right: Grandson Bruce Dales, Robert Dales, Sr., Grandson Kevin Dales, oldest son Robert Dales, Jr.

After leaving Cheney, Wash. Robert graduated from Eastern Washington State University. He served twenty-three years as pilot in the U.S. Air Force and held the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He was with the South Carolina Department of Vocational Rehabilitation seventeen years, retiring June 30, 1982. He and his wife now live at Columbia, S.C.

ERNEST AND ELSIE DANIELS



Ernest and Elsie Daniels.

Ernest Daniels was born March 29, 1923, at Hecla, S.D. to Joe and Emma Daniels. He has five sisters: Blanche Morrison of Clear Lake Oakes, Ca., Martha Buchenen of Lynn, Mass., Marie Stadler of Redlands, Cal, Nina Heinemann of Yucaipa, Cal, Mae Le Cornu of Anaheim, Cal, and two brothers, John of Hecla, S.D. and Kenneth of Blaine, Minn.

Ernest attended schools in the Hecla vicinity. In 1945 he married Elsie Wattula, daughter of Toivo and Hilja Wattula of Ludden. Elsie was a school teacher and taught for 1½ years. After their marriage they worked on the W.W. Wiitala farm for several years. In 1953 they moved to the Wattula homeplace upon Elsie's father's death.

They were blessed with six children, Kathryn Marie married James Hausmann of Ellendale, N.D. She now lives in Rapid City, S.D. and has three children: James, Kara, and Justin.

Lt. Cmdr. Dan Ernest married Cathy Hewitt of Hecla, S.D. He now lives in Pembroke, Mass. and has two children, Tiffany and Travis.

Patricia Ann married David Kramer of Bowdle, S.D. They live in Rapid City, S.D. They have two children Melanie and Jarrett.

William Gideon married Mary Nyberg of Vining, Minn. They now live at Vining and have two children, Emily and Seth.

James Paul married April Leigh of Hecla, S.D. They live at Ludden, N.D.

Timothy Alan married Barbara Hansen of Oakes, N.D. They live in Hecla, S.D. and have two children, Dalton and Nicole.

In 1978, Ernest and Elsie purchased a home in Hecla, S.D. and moved there, although they have continued farming. The fourth generation, Jim Daniels and his wife, April, make their home on the Wattula homestead.

TIM AND BARBARA (HANSEN) DANIELS



Tim and Barbara (Hansen) Daniels, Nicole and Dalton

Barbara (Hansen) Daniels, daughter of Mable (Eddy) Hansen of Oakes, N.D., and the late Franklin Hansen, was born at Ellendale, N.D., on March 8, 1955.

"I started Kindergarten in 1960 at Guelph, N.D., and continued my education at Guelph until 1968, when my parents moved to Oakes, N.D. I graduated from Oakes High School in 1973. I then went to work as a nurses's aide at Dakota Midland Hospital in Aberdeen, S.D., for one year. Wanting to continue my education in nursing, I went 1 year to the University of North Dakota at Grand Forks, and finished my Associate degree in nursing at Presentation College in Aberdeen, S.D.

"While attending Presentation, I met Timothy Daniels, son of Ernest and Elsie (Wattula) Daniels of Hecla, S.D. We were united in marriage on Nov. 24, 1978, at Hecla, S.D., where we now reside. We have one son, Dalton, 2½ years, and one daughter, Nicole, 4 months. Tim is an Amoco jobber in Hecla, and I'm a registered nurse at the Oakes Community Hospital.

"Tim has 2 sisters and 3 brothers: Kathy Hausmann, Rapid City, S.D.: Pat Kramer, Rapid City, S.D.: Dan Daniels, Boston, Mass.: Bill Daniels, Vining, Minn.; Jim Daniels, Ludden, N.D.

"I have 4 brothers and 1 sister: Marvin and Paul Hansen at Guelph, N.D.; Allen Hansen, Oakes, N.D.; Larry Hansen and Virginia Carstensen, Mankato, Minn."

TOM AND BETH DANIELS



Tom, Beth, Tricia and Brett Daniels.

Tom Daniels, the son of Carl and Betty (Godfrey) Daniels, was born Dec. 21, 1948 in Oakes. He graduated from Guelph High School in 1966. On May 30, 1969, he married Beth Bonzer of Hecla, S.D. She is the daughter of Berniel and Alice (Shilhanek) Bonzer of Hecla. She was born in Britton, February 21, 1950.

The Daniels' have 2 children, Tricia and Brett. They are engaged in farming and live near Oakes. Tom has a brother Dick, 2 sisters, Virginia (Mrs. Tom Schumacker) and Fran Daniels, all of Oakes. Mrs. Daniels has a sister, Bev. Solberg of Glendale, Ariz. and 3 brothers, Bruce Bonzer of Devils Lake, N.D., and Keith Bonzer of Terre Haute, Ind. and Brad Bonzer of Hecla, S.Dak.

WILL AND AGNES DANIELS

Agnes came to the Dakotas with her parents, George and Delilah Baker, when she was 10 years old. On June 30, 1893, she married Knute S. Jensen, a young man from central So. Dak., who bought land in Hudson Township. The **Dickey County Leader** of 7/5/1898 describes this wedding as a very pleasant affair, held at the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G.M. Baker, and witnessed by Everett Baker and Mabel Foster, with the fragrance of Wild Roses in the rooms. The article further and upright dealings won many friends." Mr. and Mrs. Port Emma Elevator for 2 years past and "has by honest and upright dealings won mnay friends." Mr. and Mrs. Jensen took the Northwestern R.R. Saturday morning for a 6-week trip including the Omaha exposition and a visit in S. Dak.

In 1903 Knute, Agnes and family retired form farming and moved to Oakes. At that time he owned 5 quarter sections and one 80 of Dickey County soil, plus buildings, cattle, hogs, machinery, etc., and made the remark, "I know of no other place where any young man has, by his own unaided efforts, made a better showing from farming in any of the states." They had 4 children, all born in Oakes: Edith, Coral, Lloyd (Bud), and Evelyn.

After the death of her father, G.M. Baker, Knute, Agnes and family moved to Anaheim in 1914, where they were citrus ranchers. The girls, Edith and Coral, graduated from Anaheim High School. Knute died in 1918, and Agnes and family moved to Los Angeles. Agnes then married Will Daniels, a life-long friend of hers and her mother's.

Edith and Coral received degrees from U.S.C. and Edith became well-known in the Los Angeles-Hollywood schools as an arts and crafts teacher. She is now retired and living at Leisure World, Laguna Hills, Ca. Coral married Ellis Eagan, a judge and they had one son, Rexford. After her husband's death, Coral returned to A.S.C.,and for several years was an administrator in a hospital in San Fernando Valley. She married Dr. Vern Smith, an Oral Dentist, and they traveled extensively. Coral died in 1981 and her son Rex in Feb. of 1982.

Lloyd (Bud) the only son of Agnes had a life-long career with the Auto Club of Southern Calif. in Los Angeles. He died in 1965.

Agnes' daughter Evelyn, after a vacation weekend to Lake Arrowhead with relatives, was stricken with spinal meningitis and died at the age of 15. Agnes, always active as a help-mate to her daughter, Edith, at night school classes, died in 1949.

DAVID AND EDITH ANN VISTO DAVIS



Jim, Lou, Edith, Lynn

Edith Ann Visto Davis is the daughter of John and Marjorie Claeys Visto of Guelph. She was born June 23, 1944, in Britton, S.D. She attended Guelph High School and graduated from there in 1962.

Then she moved to Aberdeen, S.D. and attended Presentation School of Nursing from 1962 to 1965 and received a nursing diploma from there. She lived in Sheridan, Wyo. from 1965 to 1970. While there she attended the University of Wyoming in 1966 to 1967 in nursing education. She moved back to Aberdeen in 1970 and lived there until 1973. Her next move was to Midland, Texas, where she lived until 1975 when she moved to El Paso, Texas, where she and her family live at present. She attended El Paso Cummunity college from 1978 to 1982 and received an Associate Degree in Business. Since 1965, she has been employed in nursing continuously. She has worked in the fields of psychiatrics, geriatrics, nursery, surgical, medical, orthopedics, pediatrics, operating room, and cardiovascular. At present she is employed by a cardiovascular surgeon as a nurse clinician. She has held this position for 5 years.

She married David James Davis, Jr. who was born Nov. 13,1938, in Leon, Iowa. His parents are David and Wilma Woodmansee Davis, who now live in El Paso, Texas. David Davis, Jr. is the owner and manager of Texas Security Consultants, Inc. He has the Dictograph dealership in southwest Texas and New Mexico, providing fire and burglary security for residential and commercial buildings and canine security.

David and Edith Visto Davis have two children: Louis Michael born March 9, 1968 and Lynnette Michele born April 26, 1969.

Edith has two brothers Marshall and Marvin both living on farms in the Guelph-Ludden area and one sister, Diane Margaret Orr, in Ennis, Mont.

THOMAS ISAM DENNIS FAMILY

Thomas Isam Dennis was born in Conway, Mo. in 1883. There were 7 children in the family. The father died when Thomas was only 5 years old. He had been talking to his neighbor and stood with the butt of his gun on the ground and the muzzle leaning against his body. With the tussle of the dogs at his feet the gun was discharged and the charge entered his body. He lived only a few minutes. It was a hard time for the mother to provide for the family. In 1898 the family moved to the Indian territory of Rogers County Oklahoma. They rented a house on the Major Lipe farm. The boys worked on the farm. It was here Thomas or Tom as he was called met the beautiful Ada Lunsford, the daughter of William and Mary Jane McAtee Lunsford. There were 11 children in her family. The McAtee family were French and Indian.

Tom Dennis and Ada Lunsford were married in a buggy by Reverend Wm H. Shank Oct. 15, 1903. To this union were born 9 children: Pearl Oct. 24, 1904, Stella Aug. 20, 1906, Myrtle, Nov. 22, 1908; Mary Belle, Jan. 5,

1911; Elsie, Dec. 31,1912; Henry Oct. 29, 1915; Virgil, March 6, 1918; Ruby, March 7, 1922, Glenn William, Jan. 4, 1924. They lived on a farm and the children helped with the work.

In 1926, the family moved to North Dakota. Pearl, Stella and Myrtle did not accompany them as they had married. Tom and Ada Dennis rented a farm from the Waite family and settled in the community of Guelph. Ada raised a large flock of turkeys each year and Tom worked very hard with the farm work. Their oldest daughter Pearl and husband Lindsy came and helped them for 2 years. They still think about the time Lindsy froze his nose helping Tom with the farm work. It was the coldest weather this family had ever seen. They will never forget the snow that winter either as the banks were as high as some of the out buildings.



Dennis family, 1926-front row, Glenn, Tom, Ada, Ruby. Backrow, Henry, Mary, Stella, Lindsy Scott, Pearl Dennis Scott, Myrtle, Elsie, Virgil.

Elsie Dennis met her husband, Glenn Hauser here. Glenn had a car that caught everyone's eye. It was a yellow coupe, Hupmobile with a black top. The Hauser family and Dennis family attended the Holiness Methodist Church in Guelph. Elsie and Glenn were married in Aberdeen, S.D. Aug. 10, 1932 and lived in Guelph for a while.

Henry Dennis has many memories of Guelph. He was one of the many boys who would look for Glenn Hauser's yellow coupe rolling down the street. The car had a whistle that sounded like a train. The boys all loved it.

The Dennis boys were full of ideas. One year they put spike nails under the tires of the local teacher's car, then hurried home as if nothing had happened. A few days later Virgil and Henry were in the store with their father and a neighbor told him the whole story. When the boys heard this they hid in the trunk of the Model T all the way home to put off facing their father.

One Hallowe'en night Henry and Virgil wanted to go to town with some other boys to have some fun, but their father said they could not have the car. Since they couldn't have the car, they rode two of their father's horses to Guelph to join the fun. They put their horses in Pug Hauser's barn. They had so much fun and it got later than they realized. Another boy offered them a ride home and they accepted. Early the next morning they had to wake early, walk three miles to Hauser's barn and bring the horses back to the Dennis Barn. Henry wonders whether Pug Hauser remembers this.

One of the big occasions in Guelph every summer was the Farmers Elevator ice cream night. The elevator would have 10 gallons of ice cream to give all children in the area. What a treat! As most of the children only got ice cream here, they counted the days until the ice cream would arrive.

Henry got his spending money by selling gopher tails for 15¢ each. The gopher would run into a hole and Henry knew that in about a minute the gopher would look up. Then he would shoot the animal with his twenty-two. The price dropped to 6¢. Henry then ventured to catching badgers as the badger skins sold for $25 each. He watched the badger's habits. They would clean a hole out to bury themselves in. The boys had barrels of water which they poured into the hole to flood out the badger. One day the wagon they had the barrels on tipped over while rolling down the hill.

In 1938 Glenn and Elsie Hauser moved to Howell, Mich. Henry went with them to find work. They all found a job in a local factory. Soon the rest of the Dennis family said good bye to their North Dakota friends and moved to Howell, also. Enroute there they went by way of Oklahoma to visit relatives and friends there. Since work was slow there, Pearl and her husband Lindsy went with them to Michigan. At that time work was booming in Howell so they all had work.

Mrs. Dennis passed away Dec. 23, 1959 at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Hauser. Mr. Dennis passed away Jan. 1965 at the home of his oldest daughter Pearl. They are both buried in Lakeview Cemetery in Howell, Mich.

Pearl Dennis married Lindsy Scott of Tulsa, Okla. May 23, 1926. Two daughters were born to them.

Stella Dennis married Herbert Miller of Willow Springs, Mo. Two daughters were born to them. Stella passed away Sept. 18, 1975. Her husband had passed away in June of that year.

Myrtle Dennis married Charles Naylor of Minneapolis, Minn. Two sons were born to them. Mr. Naylor passed away in 1979. Myrtle still lives in Minneapolis.

Mary Belle Dennis married Robert Stone in Howell, Mich. Nov. 20, 1950. They operated the Stone Pharmacy in Lansing until retirement. Mary Belle passed away in 1973 and her husband died in 1980.

Elsie Dennis married Glenn Hauser Aug. 10, 1932, in Aberdeen, S.D. They lived in Guelph until 1937, then moved to Howell, Mich. They were blessed with 3 children. They operated a farm near Howell until Glenn's death in Aug. 1960. Elsie then opened up a rest home. Elsie now lives in Howell and visits her children and grandchildren often.

Henry Dennis married Frankie Lewis in Howell. They have 2 children, a boy Henry Jr. and a girl Linda.

Virgil Dennis married Patricia Allen May 23, 1952 in Howell. They have 3 children. Virgil was in the service. After his service, he worked as a mechanic and service manager for 37 years in Howell. Because of a heart attack in 1977. Virgil has been unable to work since. His wife has been a secretary in the Howell Public Schools since 1974.

Ruby Dennis married Marvin Hagman of Howell. Three children blessed their home. Ruby and Mike operated a filling station and garage until their retirement last year.

Glenn Dennis married Bonnie Baker of Howell. Bonnie is a nurse at Greenbrier Convalescent Home and Glenn works at Howell Motors.

NEWTON AND MARY deRAISMES



Newton and Mary deRaimes, Dana Jo and Megan Christina.

Mary was born Dec. 15, 1953, to Mr. and Mrs. George Forward, Jr. and raised, along with seven brothers and sisters, on a farm near Guelph. Her earlier education was at the Guelph Public School until her senior year when Guelph consolidated with the Oakes School district. She graduated from the Oakes Public School in 1971. She then attended Valley City College for 1½ years and then went on to graduate from Weaver Airline School in Kansas City, Missouri.

Mary moved from the Guelph area in 1973 to Langdon, N.D. where she was employed by Pan American Airways, later moving to Cavalier where she met her husband, Newton DeRaismes, Jr., a designer for Bell Telephone Laboratories. They were married Feb. 15, 1975.

In the spring jof 1976, they moved to their present home of Elburn, Illinois.

They have been blessed with two daughters, Dana Jo, born June 4, 1977, and Megan Christina, born April 17, 1979.

She is at present a housewife, and her husband continues to work for Bell Telephone Laboratories in Naperville, Ill.

GEORGE AND MARJORIE DIKE

Marjorie Lorraine Hokana Dike, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Hokana was born July 23, 1925, in Lovell Township. She attended Ada School #2 and Guelph High School graduating from there in 1943. She commuted to Guelph with Milton Weitala until the weather and roads got bad. Then she stayed at the home of Mrs. Swanson along with 7 other students and a teacher. She was a member for 10 years of the Homecrafters and Ada Victory 4-H Clubs. Gladys Burlingame, Mayme Hokana, Ellen Paso and Gladys Oliason were some of the leaders. She was awarded a 4-H scholarship by the state office to the American Youth Foundation Camp in Shelby, Mi. She was a member of the Ada Chorus and Band directed by her father, Emil Hokana. Other members included Bill Holmes with his magnificent bass voice, his wife, Lillian and sons, Garth and Richard, Wayne Koskela, a fine tenor and his wife, Lempi, Art and Mayme Hokana and son, Norman, Bill and Hilda Hokana and daughter, Geneva, Allen and Helmi Weitala, and the director's wife, Hillia and sons, Bill and Willard and daughter Florence. In 1938, the chorus along with members from Savo sang over radio station KABR, Aberdeen, S. Dak. to commemorate the tercentennial of the settling of Delaware by the Finns.



Marjorie attended the N.I. at Ellendale and Dakota Business College in Fargo. She worked as a civilian personnel director in the Navy Department, Bureau of Yards and Docks (SeaBees) Washington, D.C.

She married George Dike, the Dickey County Extension Agent, March 5, 1950. During the Korean War he was recalled to duty as Captain in the Marine Corps so they moved to Bismarck, N. Dak. After that war they moved to Michigan where he received his Ph.D. and worked for Michigan State University until retiring as Professor Emeritus in 1980 and as Colonel, USMCR. While in Bismarck, Marjorie studied voice with Donna Larrabee and took flying lessons.

The Dike's have 6 children. Rachel in the field of medical technology including nuclear medicine/radiology.

Bruce has a B.S. and M.S. in Mathematics from Michigan State University. He is an engineer with McDonnell Douglas. He, also, is a professional violinist. He married Bonnie Beuthien, a noted professional cellist. They both play in the St. Louis Philharmonic Orchestra. They have 2 daughters, Emily and Julia.

Mary has a B.A. in education from MSU. She is working toward a Ph.D in computer applications in education. She has performed professionally as a violinist and violist.

Ruth has a B.A. in education from MSU. She is now teaching in Houston, Texas. Prior to this she taught in Michigan and New Effington, S.D. She is a professional cellist and plays in the Houston Chamber Orchestra.

Donald is a student at MSU. He plays percussion in the university symphony orchestra and professionally with the Lansing Symphony and Chamber Music Orchestra.

Ned is in the 6th grade and is an avid sports participant. He studies piano and violin.

The Dike's live at 715 Cedar Road, Okemos, Michigan, 48864.

PERRY & PAMELA DOCKTER



The Perry Dockter Family

Hi, my name is Pamela Jane Courtney Dockter. I was the fifth child born to Vernon and Anna Mae Courtney, Jan. 27, 1959. I was raised on a farm near Guelph, N.D. I attended elementary school in Guelph and graduated from Oakes High School in 1977. I attended Mayville State College, graduating with a degree in Child Development and Elementary Education.

On Nov. 29, 1980, I married Perry Dockter of Oakes, N.D. He is the son of Ruben and Eleanor Dockter. He graduated from Mayville State College with a degree in Business Administration.

Upon graduation we moved to Oklahoma City where Perry was employed with C.R. Anthony Co. until Feb. 1983 when he was transferred to become store manager in Lakeland Plaza for Anthony's in Lewisville, Texas.

I taught first grade at Villa Teresa School in Oklahoma City until our transfer.

We have one child, a son, Tyler Quinn, one year old.

VERNON & MARTHA DOTY



Vern and Martha Doty
Wedding Day - June 14, 1980

Vernon, the son of Hansel and Eva (Gaston) Doty was born at Artesian, S. Dak. in 1919. His father is deceased; his mother lives at Brainerd, Minn.

Martha, the daughter of Frank and Eugenia (Poykko) Youle, was born in 1925 in their farm home in the Guelph area. Both of her parents are deceased. She cared for them until their death. When her father retired, they moved to Ludden. Martha has 2 sisters: Mrs. Lila Bradke of Northville, S.D. and Mrs. Verna Erhart of Vancouver, Wash.

Vernon and Martha were married June 14, 1980 and live in Ludden where Mr. Doty is the postmaster.

Vernon has been married before to Vera Carpenter who passed away August, 1970. To this union were born 6 children.

Vernon Jr. of Ludden born Nov. 30, 1951.

Mrs. Sharon Enquist of Gwinner, born Jan. 6, 1953; she has 4 children.

Mrs. (Karen) Jack Swearingen of Crete born Jan. 10, 1954. They have 2 children.

Mrs. (Diane) Brad Baldwin of Pleasant Hill, Iowa, born Sept. 18, 1955. They have one child.

Nathan of Ludden, born Jan. 4, 1957.

Wayne of Oakes, born March 16, 1959.

EDWARD AND DOROTHY PAGENKOPF DOWNING



Left to right: Dorothy, Laverna & Frances Pagenkopf

Dorothy Pagenkopf Downing was born June 6, 1919, to Albert and Clara Anderson Pagenkopf at Guelph, N.D. She has two sisters, LaVerna Kavanaugh and Frances.

Dorothy graduated from Guelph High School in 1936. This was the first class to graduate from high school there.

They lived on what is now the Danny Cowley farm, Port Emma township, Sec. 20-129-60.

She married Edward Downing March 6, 1942. They have two daughters, Christine and Marilyn, and one son, Thomas and four grandchildren.

Dorothy worked for Morrison Advertising and Curdolac Ford Co. before she was married. She worked for Waukesha Motor Works during World War II. At present she works as a Senior Secretary for Waukesha County Park and Planning. She and her husband live in Waukesha, Wisconsin.

KENNETH AND NEVA DOYEN



Ken & Neva Doyen

By Neva Doyen

Kenneth and I were married in 1940. We lived in Ludden for 3 years and then moved to the Doyen homestead 3½ miles south of Ludden. We still live on the old farm, although Kenneth has retired.



Cleo and H.C. Nielsen and family at daughter Julie's wedding

Our one child, daughter Cleo, married H.C. Nielsen and they live in Dagmar, Montana. They have 4 children--Julie, Kenny, Mary, and Lori. Julie married Dean Vandersnick and they live in Billings, Montana.

One of my cherished memories of Guelph is the lovely wedding shower hosted for me by the ladies of the Methodist Church. Thanks again old friends.

VINTON AND EDITH DOYEN



Vinton and Edith Doyen on their Golden Wedding Anniversary

Selden J. Doyen and wife, Ella, came to Lovell Township, Ludden, from Smithville, Maine, in the year 1889. He filed on land and lived on the farm, S.W.¼ of 24-129-60 until his death in 1914. Ella, his wife, was a nurse who drove a buggy and horse around the county nursing people and delivering babies.

They had one son, Vinton, and he lived on the same homestead all his life. He married a girl from Iowa, Edith Seeley. They were married in Iowa. The night they came home on the train to Oakes, Grandma Doyen, Vinton's mother, had a reception at the farm for them. While that was in progress, some of the Finnish neighbors decided to chivaree them. It got pretty wild. They shot near the house, scaring almost everyone, especially the women. Vinton had to go out and buy them off.

Vinton and Edith had one son, Kenneth. He still lives on the same farm, being the third generation. Both his parents lived to be 90.

SHIRLEY (ANDERSON) DRAEGER



Francis & Shirley Drager & family (1972)

Shirley Mary Ann Anderson was born Dec. 7, 1945 to Frank and Mary Ann Anderson. She started school at the age of 5 in Guelph. She moved to Ludden during her first grade and finished through the 8th grade in Ludden. She then went to high school in Guelph and graduated in 1963 with only 3 other seniors. After graduation she went to Minneapolis to attend airline school but a short time later she came back and was employed by Northwestern Bell in Oakes.

Shirley married Francis Draeger Dec. 3, 1968 in Oakes and they were blessed with 2 daughters: Shari Lynn born Sept. 27, 1965 in Oakes and Staci Marie born Sept. 4, 1968 in Minneapolis.

Shirley and Francis lived in Gwinner where Shirley was a secretary for Melroe Mfg. Co. until July, 1966 when they moved to Minneapolis where they were living when on Oct. 28, 1972, she was unexpectedly taken from her family and friends to her home in heaven.

Now in 1983 Shari will be graduating from Fairbault High School in June, and Staci will be entering the 9th grade in the fall.



Shari in 1982



Staci in 1982

The class of '63 remembers Shirley (Anderson) Draeger in this way:

A cheery smile, a friendly 'hi'
Always willing to share a laugh or cry
A dear friend who has passed on
In our thoughts however, she'll never be gone

Your classmates of 1963
Judy (Schroeder) German
Paul Hansen
Roger Vie



Shirley in her senior year in high school

GRANT & MATHILDA HAYENGA DRYER



The Grant Dryer Family (1961)

My father, Fred Hayenga, was born in Minn. and moved to S.D. with his family. In 1915, he married Jennie Reiter who was born in Iowa where she also grew up. I was born in S.D. in 1916, where I lived until 1921 when we came to the Guelph area. We moved on to the farm

southwest of Guelph that now belongs to Howard Andersen. In 1924, my parents purchased some land northwest of Guelph, which was a part of a Baldwin Ranch. It was necessary to build a set of buildings and all necessary fences. I can remember how much trouble we had getting a good supply of water until an artesian well was dug.

Some of our neighbors at that time were Geo. Newham's, Frank Moore's, Alva Burley, Herb VanMeter, and Carl Grady. Newham's were our nearest neighbors; they lived south of us on the farm now belonging to Sell's. In those day, neighbors were really neighbors and helped in many ways. We used to visit back and forth and had card parties in the wintertime. Everyone traveled by horse and sled because the cars were put in the garage from the beginning of winter until the spring thaw.

I went to school in Guelph for 11 years, and had to go to Andover, S.D., for my senior year. After high school, I attended the N.I. for two years and then taught school for six years--four years in N.D. and two years in Wisconsin. I came to Wisconsin to visit my friend, Irma Leigh, and at that time, Wisconsin teachers were getting $85 a month, while in N.D. they were getting $55 to $65, so I decided to stay in Wisconsin. There I met a farmer, Grant Dryer, and we were married in 1942. In 1944, Grant bought his father's trucking business along with the farm. We raised beef, hogs, corn, hay, and some small grain. We sold our farm in 1966 to our son, Jerry, and in 1980, sold the trucking business and now live on a small farm and are both semi-retired. We enjoy our three children, Jerry, Janet, and John and our grandchildren, Jerry, Andrew, Sam, and Sarah. We spend part of the winter in Tucson and Sun City.

My sister Fern (Mrs. Emil Zeller) and brother Jack were born after the family moved to the farm northwest of town. Fern now lives in Oakes and Jack lives on the farm.

My parents moved off the farm into Guelph in 1956, but my father passed away very suddenly before the move was even completed. My mother lived there until she entered the Oakes Good Samaritan Center because of ill health. She still resides there.

BERTHA CUPPY DUNCAN

I, Bertha, was born Feb. 23, 1922 to George and Ella Cuppy at Wessington, S.D., the oldest of 6 children. I remember walking to school in the spring and fall, and in the winter Dad would take us in an old milk delivery wagon that he had converted into a sled. We would heat bricks and rocks to put at our feet to keep us warm. As we were a little older we would haul a load of grain pulled by a team of horses to town, to buy shoes and clothes for school, and coal, flour and other staples we needed at home for the winter months.

We kids would pick cow chips, and they were stored in the barn where they would be dry and were used as fuel.

July 4 was a special time, as then we had pop and ice cream.

Mother became ill in 1933 and our family was divided and we went to live with our aunts. (See George Cuppy story).

As I got older, I worked as a hired girl, doing house work or whatever was necessary to earn my way through high school.

I met my future husband, Welby Duncan, and we were married Sept. 13, 1941. In May, 1942 Welby was drafted into the army, so I came to live with the folks at Guelph and later to Mom (Wanda) Sell's farm one mile east of Guelph. My husband served in the South Pacific, Australia and New Caledonia and returned to the states and was discharged in 1945. Harold Maddock was the mail carrier and carried our letters back and forth.



The Welby Duncan Family



George and Ella Cuppy's 6 children

We moved back to South Dakota and worked for farmers in the Wessington area and had many interesting experiences.

We have two children, Ethel was born Jan. 28, 1946 and David on July 21, 1952. They are both married and we have four grandchildren.

My husband passed away June 27, 1972 from cancer and a heart attack. I work at the hospital in Miller, S.D. and my hobby is crocheting.

Two of the special events in my life were seeing my brother Raymond, age 20, when he located us at Mom Sell's in 1943. He had been raised in a foster home since 1935 and our family members had lost contact with him. Another time, in 1950, the four brothers and two sisters were all together at Aunt Kates' at Wessington Springs, S.D., the first time since we had been separated in 1933.

MARGARET MARIE HENNINGER DURAND

I graduated from Guelph High School in 1939. I worked at the Oakes Cafe for a short time and then went to work at the J.C. Penny Co. until 1943 when I went to California. There I worked at North American Aviation as an inspector until 1945 when I returned to Oakes and J.C. Penny Co. In 1946, Robert Henry

DuRand and I were married. Bob was born at Silverleaf, N.D., but moved to Oakes at an early age. He graduated from Oakes High School in 1939; he attended the N.I. at Ellendale and the U. of No. Dak. He also spent some time in Alaska and served three and one half years in the Army Air Force, and was overseas in the European Theater of Operations.

Bob and I settled in Oakes. He is a Master Electrician and has had his own business for the past 28 years. We have three children: Ronald was born in 1947; he graduated from Oakes High School and the State School of Science at Wahpeton. He served proudly in Vietnam for fourteen months and now lives in Fargo and works for Gamble Robinson, a grocery wholesale business. He is married to the former Kathy Roden from Long Island, New York.

Donna Marie was born in 1953; she graduated from Oakes High School and the University of N.D. She and her husband, Dr. Nick Ellig, live in Fargo. Dr. Ellig is a Sociology teacher at Concordia College in Moorhead, Minn. Donna is an Occupational Therapist (Registered) with P.T.-O.T. Associates in Fargo.

Carole Margaret was born in 1957. She graduated from Oakes High School and N.D.S.U. in Fargo with degrees in Zoology, Mathematics, and Science. She and her husband, Barry Bjornson, live at Frazee, Minn., where Barry is a vocational agriculture teacher and Carole does substitute teaching.

We have been semi-retired for the past few years, but keep busy with our families and traveling.

SIMEON (SAM) AND ANNA DURAND



Sam and Anna Durand

Simeon (Sam), the son of Felix and Leacadre Thibodeau Durand, was born Oct. 31, 1886 in Faribault, Minn. He came to the Ellendale area with his brother, John in 1905. He married Anna Olufson, daughter of Ole and Olina Olufson, March 1, 1913. They settled on a farm ½ mile south of Silverleaf on the corner where the Royal Boniek's now live (NW of Section 7).

Six children were born to them: Felix (deceased). Opal married Glen Patton and lived on a farm near Armstrong, Iowa until 1976 when they retired and moved to Oakes. Glen passed away shortly after they had moved. Oliver married Ollie Nelson of Oakes on Dec. 14, 1934. They have a daughter. Robert (See Robert Durand history). Margaret married first to John Odom who is deceased. They had 2 children. She is now married to Alvin Bradley. They reside in Riverside, California. Valerie married Robert Hernandez of Orange, California, May, 1951. They have 5 children.

The Durands left the farm and moved to Oakes in 1923. Mr. Durand had a job doing road maintenance work. He passed away in 1948. Anna continued to live on in the home for 2 or 3 years then moved to California to be near her daughters. She passed away in 1956. She had inherited the hospitality trait from her mother. She enjoyed having people come to visit and as with her mother there was always coffee with some sort of pastry served.

DOROTHY SAND LEWIS EWER



The Dorothy Sand Lewis Ewer family - Christmas 1978

Dorothy, the fourth child of Thor and Lillie Hoybak Sand, was born Feb. 24, 1919. She attended school in Ada Township until 7th grade when she moved with the family to Van Meter Township near Ellendale where she finished elementary school. She then attended high school at Ellendale from which she graduated in 1937. After finishing 2 years of college at NI she taught school in rural schools.

She married Alden Lewis in 1941. To this union were born 5 children. Mary Ann is a missionary with World Gospel Mission and is stationed in Nakuru, Kenya, Africa. Alden Sand Lewis has a son David and lives at Whitehall, Mich. He works for Misco as machinist. Donald and Ellen are the parents of Kelly (a senior in high school this year), Steven (a freshman in high

school), and Karen (a first grader this year). Don has been working for Barbur Transportation in Billings, Mont. where they live. Dottie (married to Ken Ross) works for Northwest Airlines and Ken is a salesman for Farmers Insurance Group. They have 2 children, Keel (10) and Justina (4) and live in Eden Prairie. Jay, born in 1962, is finishing his second year at vocational school studying to be an electrician.

Dorothy went back to teaching at Frederick, S.D. in 1954 in grades 1 and 2. The family moved there to live that year. In 1955 Alden returned to school to earn his Bachelor's Degree and Dorothy continued teaching, but in grades 7 and 8. When Alden received his degree in 1956, he accepted a position teaching Industrial Arts at Oakes, N.D. Dorothy was offered 6th grade to teach--SO--the Lewis's moved there.

During the 6 years at Oakes Dorothy attended enough summer sessions, night and Saturday classes to earn a B.S. Degree in June 1962.

Alden decided to try an "A" school so they moved to Harvey, N.D. Jay was born there. In 1963 Dorothy taught at Manfred, N.D., 11 miles from Harvey. She commuted each day.

The Industrial Arts job at Ellendale opened up the spring of 1964. Alden was hired to teach there. Dorothy was offered the job to teach Special Ed. She spent the summer going to school at Northern State in Aberdeen, S.D. Each summer thereafter was spent going to school until she had a Master's Degree in Special Ed in 1969.

Alden passed away from cancer in Feb. 1968. Dorothy and Jay moved to Bird Island, Mn. in 1969. She taught Special Ed there until the end of the school year 1976.

Dorothy and George Ewer were married in May, 1971, and reside in Bird Island, where George has an electrical, plumbing and heating business. Dorothy helps him with this business.

DON AND WILMA SCHWARTING ENGER



Don & Wilma Enger, Leif, Lizabeth and husband Michael, Lin, Lee and wife, Rhonda.

After graduating from high school in Guelph, class of 1945, Wilma went to the Ellendale Teachers College. This was immediately following World War II when there was a shortage of teachers, and emergency teaching certificates were issued to those who would take 2 months of summer training. After this summer training, Wilma taught south of Guelph at a rural school. It was certainly an education for an 18 year-old, teaching a lively bunch of healthy active children, some nearly as old as she. She found she loved it - teaching was her field. The second year she taught the lower grades in Guelph. Then she had saved enough money to be able to go to college a year and get her diploma. Following this year, she started a pilot program for remedial education in Aberdeen.

It was at that time that Wilma met Don Enger who had grown up on a farm ten miles west of Oakes. He was just out of the Army Band and was going to college in Ellendale. Don is the son of Clarence (Buck) and Mabel Opsahl Enger and has one sister, Beatrice, Mrs. Henry Balliet, and one brother Clarence, Jr.

Don and Wilma were married June 15, 1949 in the Guelph Methodist Church. While Don continued his education, Wilma taught second grade in Ellendale. It was a challenging job with 42 to 45 second graders as well as student teachers to supervise. In those days, no one had ever heard of non-learners. Everyone seemed to learn to read, to write and to do mathematics. Teachers taught their own music and art and also supervised the playground.

Don graduated from college in June, 1951, just after the arrival of their first son, Lee Don.

With Don teaching now, Wilma could give her time to being a homemaker. Just as she had directed all her energies toward being a creative teacher, now she gave the same wholehearted effort toward being a wife, mother, and homemaker.

Wilma and Don shared their interest in students, school and community. They soon took up photography as a hobby. Lizabeth was born in 1953 and Lin was added to the family in 1956.

In 1959 the little family settled in Osakis, Minnesota, where Don was the band director and in charge of the school instrumental music programs. He was a gifted teacher and for 28 years had bands that received top honors in State competition. More importantly, he loved "kids" and they loved him and learned many important lessons that helped them grow into responsible adults.

Leif was born in 1961 and completed the Enger family.

At this writing (1982) Don is a free lance photographer after leaving the music field due to tinnitus. Lee is a pilot in Bethel, Alaska, and has a wife and son. He has the same adventurous spirit as his father Don and Grandpa John Schwarting.

Lizabeth is married to Michael Towers, a pastor of the New Testament Church in Alexandria, Mn. She's a creative homemaker who excels in many crafts, including silver jewelry making, quilting, sewing and baking.

Lin is soon to graduate from the University of Minnesota with a degree in English and teaching. He also has a degree in Journalism and History. He's a budding author who leans toward writing poetry and

novels. He will be married in August.

Leif is married and both he and his wife are students at Moorhead State University. Leif is also a writer, his main field being short stories. He has had one story published.

Wilma is still finding homemaking a joy, helps with the photography business, is involved in Bible studies and with people who come and go at their busy home. If asked what wisdom they would share with others, Wilma and Don would say: God has been so good to us. At middle age our vantage point is so much wider than in our youth. We see that life on this earth is just a passing moment of all eternity. Yet it is vitally important, for it determines where we'll spend the rest of eternity. I'm so glad to have gone to that little church in Guelph where salvation was preached, and we learned from childhood that we must be born again to be in God's family and have made heaven as our home. Living for Jesus has been a real adventure.

JEREMIAH ERICKSON (RIEPPULA)

Jeremiah Erickson (Rieppula) was born at Pudasjarvi, Finland, June 11, 1843. His wife, Kaisa Taipala was born at Taivalkoski, Finland in 1873. That same year, Jeremiah left for America, to Calumet, Mich. His wife joined him seven years later. Their oldest daughter, Hilma was born there. In 1883 they came to Dakota Territory, homesteading in Lovell township on N.E. 1/4 of Sec. 26, living there the rest of their lives. They built a sod house where they lived until 1901 when John Wetelainen, the efficient community carpenter, built them a frame house.

The Erickson family was short of funds as most settlers were, so they co-operated with their neighbors to buy machinery and oxen. In neighborliness and in friendship the prairie was broken and fields created. They lived a simple, Christian life and were honest and respected people. She also did housework and laundry for some neighbors. At one time she suffered from cold and became seriously ill, which left her blind for the remaining thirty years of her life. Eight children were born to them, of which four died in infancy.

The children were: Hilma (Mrs. John Hietanen) born March 15, 1882, was married in 1900. They farmed near Ludden and had three sons, Hjalmer, Elias and Waino. Mrs. Hietanen died shortly after Waino's birth of Typhoid fever. Mr. Hietanen married Riika Kananen in 1907. The family moved to Wing, N.D. and are now deceased.

Jennie (Mrs. John Lahti) born Sept. 28, 1884 and had a daughter, Florence. Mrs. Lahti died in Ludden in 1948.

Katie (Mrs. Otto Matiskainen) born March 13, 1887. They homesteaded at Van Hook, N.D. She passed away in 1939.

Annie (Mrs. Oscar Backley) was the youngest of the Erickson children, born May 5, 1892. She passed away in 1934. She had four sons, Clifford, Ernest, Lennert, and Herbert and a daughter, Frances. Ernest and Frances are still living.

Mr. and Mrs. Erickson were devout members of the Apostolic Lutheran Church. Jeremiah passed away on January 29, 1931 and his wife on October 19, 1933.

JOSEPH AND JOHN FRANK FAWCETT



Blanche and Russell Fawcett

By great-granddaughter Margaret Sorensen

Joseph Hugh Fawcett married Anne Margaret Faulkner in Toronto, Ontario, Canada in 1878. Their first son, William Melville, died as a very young lad. In 1880 my grandfather, John Frank, was born. Shortly after his birth, the Fawcetts moved to North Dakota, living in Ellendale and Ludden districts for many years. Joseph and Margaret farmed and their family of 10 was completed with the addition of Henriette Louise, Nina Irene, Matilda Anne, Cecil Everett, Ethel May, William Dewey, and Charlie Eams.

We understand Joseph was a proud man and strict but his grandchildren needed only an intense, meaningful look over the top of his glasses and they changed their way. Mom says she never heard Joseph raise his voice.

Anne Margaret was also a true pioneer, a good neighbor and a lady in the deepest sense of the word. She was always busy and took much pleasure out of her life and her large family.

They took on the tremendous challenge and adventure of resettling. They followed the younger set to Alberta, Canada, and filed on a homestead. Joseph

died in 1916 but Anne Margaret lived to enjoy 19 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. She died in 1939. They are both buried in Consort, Alberta.

Their oldest living son, John Frank, better known as Frank, grew up in the areas of Ellendale and Ludden, North Dakota. There he met and married Ada Howard in 1904. (She was the sister of Grover, Kathryn, Emma, and Nettie Howard). Together their life began with much promise. They had a small farm and with help of his brother and rest of the family, they ran a Livery Stable and Hardware in Ludden. In 1905 their daughter, Blanche May, was born, followed by brother Russell Robert in 1907. On February 2, 1908, Ada, the young mother and wife was struck ill and died after much suffering of spinal meningitis and pneumonia. Grandparents and sisters of Frank and Ada tried to care for the two young children. Frank, however, found the tragedy too much to bear. In 1911 he moved to Canada with the children and his sister, Tilly. They traveled hundreds of miles by train to Cornation, Alberta. From there it was team and wagon to Consort, Alberta, and the nearby homestead. Their first house on this seeming endless prairie was a sod shack. They were starting over.

Blanche remembers with glee that her thrill at the time was being able to ride horse back to school. Later it became somewhat of a job because her dad had a strong love for horses and raised them for a living and a hobby. She and Russell would ride and/or drive the racers, trotters, or pacers for exercise. Aunt Tilly stayed with the family until she met and married Willard Robinson. He was a wonderful big man, whom I remember as the fellow who sat on my little table and broke the legs off. When Tilly left, Aunt Nina arrived from the States, and she stayed until she married a couple of years later to Edwin Isaman. Blanche and Russell were considered old enough now to manage on their own. Blanch by this time (11 years old) had learned to harness a team of horses and milk six cows, night and morning. Frank, her dad, called her inside one day. "Listen, good Blanche," he said, "I'm going to show you how to make bread, the threshers will be here Monday and you'll have to bake the bread." She learned fast and well.

As I've probably implied, Frank passed on his great love of horses to Blanche and Russell.

Blanche remembers Grandma Fawcett's abomination at the fact that she, Blanche, worked with the horses, etc. "Blanche", she would exclaim, "thats no way for a lady!"

The "horse sense" carried on to the third and fourth generation as Russell Fawcett Junior and family raise and train horses in California.

John Frank Fawcett died in 1926 after his team ran away and he was run over by harrows.

Blanche went out to work at the age of 12. She learned how to work hard and efficiently and has done so to this day now at age 77. She married Judson Canning. To this union were born four boys and a girl. He was killed in an accident while operating a road grader. Blanche remarried to Harry Beebe.

Russell Fawcett died with his wife in a car accident in 1956, leaving three boys.

When I listen to the tales and stories, sparse as they are, of the Fawcetts, I think how tragic in so many, many ways and yet mother is a strong, wonderful, generous and capable lady. She laughs and remembers the good times. They were "made of sterner stuff."

CLAIR AND ISABELLE FILBERT



The Clair Filbert Family (1979)

Clair Filbert, son of Frank and Pearl (Sprouse) Filbert was born at Forbes, N.D. on January 28, 1914. His folks were originally from southern Iowa.

Isabelle's parents were Adolph and Jessie (Gamber) Brown of Fullerton and later from the Ellendale area. Isabelle was born January 29, 1915 at Fullerton, N.D. Isabelle graduated from the Ellendale High School and the Ellendale Branch of the University of N.D. She taught 36 years in the schools of Dickey County and retired in 1979. Twelve of these years she taught first and second grades in the Guelph School.

Isabelle and Clair were married October 20, 1939 at Ellendale, N.D. The Rev. Orlando Lee of the Methodist Church performed the ceremony.

To this family two sets of twin boys and two single boys were born.

Darrell, the oldest married Barbara Dyke of Fairmount, N.D. on August 17, 1970. They have four children, William, Clair, Amanda and Laurie.

Gary married Mary Genter of Ellendale on October 20, 1974. They have one daughter, Julie.

Larry married Connie Omstad of Fargo on June 6, 1970. They have two children, Jason and Kayla.

Dwight married Betty Otterstetter on March 3, 1973. They have one son, Aaron.

Duane married Sherry Jury Schaller on February 21, 1981. She had two children, Bradley and Sandra.

Dale, the other son passed away in infancy in 1947.

The Clair Filberts lived on a farm northwest of Guelph, S. ½ of Sec. 17-130-61 for 34 years before moving into Ellendale in 1973, after selling the farm to Gerald Grueneich. Clair and his sons along with Erroll Lilleboe built the Filbert's new house on the original site of the old Ed Leiby, Sr. residence in Ellendale.

Clair worked with his brother-in-law, Martin Peterson and Floyd Kendall before going into his own carpenter construction business. His son, Gary, is taking over the business. Larry and Duane work with Gary and Clair during the summer months. Clair is somewhat retired now. The last three years we have been doing some traveling, which we thoroughly enjoy.

DUANE AND SHERRY FILBERT



Duane and Sherry Filbert

Duane, the son of Clair and Isabelle Brown Filbert, was born in Aberdeen, S.D. September 28, 1949. He and Dwight are twins. Duane attended a rural school and attended Guelph High School, graduating from there in 1968. He attended Valley City State College and graduated from there. He taught in the school in Karlsruhe, N.D. for 5 years. At present he is teaching in the high school in Edgeley, N.D.

Sherry is the daughter of Myron and Janet Gunderson Jury, Sr. She has 5 brothers, Bob, Mick, Jim, Pat and George and 1 sister, Kathy. Sherry is a receptionist at First National Bank in Ellendale.

Duane and Sherry were married February 21, 1981.

DWIGHT AND BETTY FILBERT



Dwight, Betty, and Aaron Filbert (1981)

Dwight, the son of Clair and Isabelle Brown Filbert, was born in Aberdeen, S.D. September 28, 1949. He attended a rural school and Guelph High School, graduating from there in 1968. He attended UND Grand Forks and graduated from there. He is the manager of United Building Center in Ellendale, N.D. He has 4 brothers, Duane his twin, Gary, Larry and Darrell.

Betty, the daughter of Verner and Hannah Walz Otterstetter, was born March 31, 1953, in Aberdeen, S.D. She has a sister, Linda Roth of Glen Ullin, N.D. Betty graduated from business college in Grand Forks after graduating from Ellendale High School. She is manager of Community Health Center in Ellendale.

Dwight and Betty were married March 3, 1973. They have a son, Aaron.

GARY AND MARY FILBERT



The Gary Filbert Family

Gary, the son of Clair and Isabelle Brown Filbert, was born in Ellendale, N.D. August 31, 1943. He attended rural school and Guelph High School. He has 4 brothers, Larry his twin, Duane, Dwight and Darrell. He has been employed as a carpenter for the past 20 years.

His wife, Mary Jane, the daughter of Theophil and Ida Mitzel Genter (both deceased now) was born in Aberdeen, S.D. September 13, 1945. She is employed at Memorial Hospital in Ellendale, N.D.

Gary and Mary were married October 20, 1974. They have a daughter, Julie Marie.

LARRY AND CONNIE FILBERT



The Larry Filbert Family

Larry J. Filbert, the son of Clair and Isabelle Filbert was was born in Ellendale on August 31, 1943. He is a 1961 graduate of Guelph High School and graduated from UND-EB in 1965. Larry has been teaching at Breckenridge Senior High School since 1969. He married Connie Olmsted on June 6, 1970.

Connie was born March 27, 1944 in Moorhead, Minn. to Bernie J. and Esther (Thurn) Olmsted of Fargo. She graduated from Fargo Central High School in 1962, and graduated from Concordia College in 1966. Then in the fall of 1966, she took a teaching job at Wahpeton and taught two years of Kindergarten in Wahpeton Public Elementary School. Since 1968 she has been teaching in kindergarten in a Breckenridge Elementary School.

Larry and Connie have two children: Jason is in third grade and Kayla, in the first grade. The Filberts live at 1110 Andres Ave., Breckenridge, Minn.

Larry has four brothers: Darrel of Oakes, Gary, Duane and Dwight, all of Ellendale.

HARRY AND LUCY FOLKESTAD



Harry and Lucy Folkestad

Harry and Lucy Folkestad came to Guelph in 1929 from Aberdeen, S.D. They lived for a while on a farm west of Guelph and later moved into town. Harry farmed and then went into the trucking business. They had a family of five children.

Harvey, died January 1958, during a fraternity house fire. Ronald has made his home in Grand Forks, N.D. He and his wife Patricia have three girls: Rebecca, Roberta and Judy. Ione married Milton Ostby of the LaMoure area and they have been farming there since their marriage. They have six children: Michael (deceased), Debbie, Susan, Holly, Linda and Warren. Gerald married Marilyn Brown of Guelph on Sept. 9, 1956. They have three children: Brenda, Rick and Tom. Sharon married Jon Brakke of Hillsboro, N.D. They make their home in Minneapolis, Minnesota. They have two children: Anne and Peter.

Lucy Folkestad passed away December 1, 1959. Harry at present is a resident of the Oakes Good Samaritan Center.

GERALD & MARILYN FOLKESTAD

Jerry was born October 1, 1934, on a farm west of Guelph now owned by Howard and Joan Andersen. He lived in Guelph until 1943 when his family moved to Oakes, North Dakota.

Jerry and Marilyn Brown of Guelph were married in the Guelph Methodist Church on September 9, 1956. Marilyn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Brown, was

born November 3, 1935 in Fullerton, N.D. and moved to Guelph at the age of 10. She graduated from the Guelph School in 1953 and graduated from Presentation School of Nursing in August, 1956. They have three children: Brenda (Mrs. Wayne Wiese) Twin Falls, Idaho. Rick is serving the Armed Forces in Darmstadt, Germany, and Tom is a student at Wahpeton State School of Science.



The Gerald Folkestad Family

Jerry and Marilyn make their home in Oakes where Jerry is employed as a truck driver and Marilyn as a nurse at the Oakes Good Samaritan Center.

MRS. FLORENCE FOLSOM



Mrs. Florence Folsom

Mrs. Folsom was born in Bangor, Maine. She and her 2 children, a son and a daughter, arrived in Ludden on the Northwestern train from Westfield, Mass., Aug. 15, 1894. She came to be a housekeeper for her cousins, Lee and Orion Samson. They had a hotel, which was located north of their store. Mrs. Folsom hired several girls to help her in the hotel.

She was a very accomplished woman. She gave piano lessons and lessons in oil painting. She taught elocution to the pupils who participated in speech contests in the county rally in Ellendale. (Hazel Taylor Morris says she has 3 lovely paintings that Mrs. Folsom painted).

Her son Ernest (nicknamed "Pood") operated a blacksmith shop and garage in Ludden on the south side of the street west of Kilchemann's pool hall during the 1930's.

After Lee and Orion Sampson passed away, Mrs. Folsom went to live with her son who had moved to Bellingham, Wash. She passed away there at the age of 100 years.

GEORGE ALLEN AND MARJORIE FORWARD, JR.



The George Allen Forward, Jr. Family

George Allen Forward, Jr. was born to George and Katherine Forward on December 1, 1927. They lived in Clement Township and he attended grade school in that township. He graduated from Oakes High School in 1945, and then attended N.D.S.U. He farmed with his dad and brother Bob. He married Marjorie Knipple on September 25, 1951 and they moved to their present farm, S½ of Sec. 17-130-60, in 1952. They have eight children and seven grandchildren.

Pat, Mrs. James F. Moore of Guelph, Mary, Mrs. Newton DeRaismes, Elburn, Ill., Tim, Jeff, and Dennis who farm together with their dad and live on farms close by. Cheri, Mrs. Randy Pearson of Milnor, Jane, Mrs. Larry Andersen of Guelph and Brian who is in his 2nd year at N.D.S.U. in Fargo.

George Allen served on the Guelph School Board for 4 years and then Guelph merged with Oakes and he served on the Oakes School Board for 6 years. He is presently clerk of Hudson Township.

Marge is a member of the "Singin Aires." Before her marriage she taught school in the Crete area.

GEORGE A. FORWARD, SR.



The George Forward, Sr. Family

George A. Forward, Sr., the son of Frank and Verna Frances (Allen) Forward was born in Lisbon, January 7, 1902. He married Kathryn Schmit, the daughter of John M. and Anna (Mueller) Schmit, June 26, 1926. Kathryn was born in Wadena, Minn., March 13, 1905. They have two sons, George A. Forward, Jr. who married Marjorie Knipple of Crete, N.D., September 25, 1951. Robert J. Forward married Kathleen Skrbina of Eveleth, Minn. on September 1, 1951. Mrs. Forward, Sr. has two sisters, Helen Hansen and Mrs. John Truesdell, both of Lisbon. Mrs. Forward has a brother, Albert M. Schmit of Oakes.

They lived in Hudson township from 1928 until 1942, and now live in Clement township, NE¼ of Sec. 32-131-60, and still have Section 5 in Hudson. Their neighbors were Tony Alkofer and Everett Courtney south of them; Wahsner and Quandts, east, and James Haupt and Wm. Kunrath, north, and Peter and Henry Kunrath and John Baughman, west of them. George was on the Hudson township board with Charles Kendall and Carl Grady for eight years until they moved to Clement township.

During the dry early thirties times were hard. Some of the people burned corn for fuel. The roads were not graded and graveled as they are now. When they were blocked in with snow, the neighbors got together and shoveled to open the roads. They got their mail whenever the mailman got through in the winter.

The school house was across the road east from their place. It is now the home of Walt Becks. Maude Kelly was the teacher in the early thirties and stayed with the Forward's in the winter.

Their farm was known as the Ed Murray farm, S½ of Sec. 17-130-60. George Forward, Jr. now lives there.

George Forward, Sr. passed away April 28, 1983.

TIMOTHY AND KAREN FORWARD



The Timothy Forward Family

By Karen Forward

Tim is the son of Allen and Marge Forward. He was born August 6, 1956, at Oakes. He attended school in Guelph through the 8th grade and completed high school in Oakes in 1974. He attended North Dakota State University in Fargo and graduated in May, 1976, with an Associate Degree in Agriculture.

On Sept. 18, 1976, he married Karen Meehl, daughter of Kenneth and Arlene Meehl of Crete, N.D.

Tim farms with his dad and brothers, and Karen is a housewife. They bought their farm from Mr. and Mrs. A.C. Randol in 1978.

A son, Andrew Timothy, was born to them August 19, 1978; and a daughter, Krista Leigh, was born September 26, 1980.

Tim has served as treasurer of Hudson township since 1979.

AL AND ILENE FRAUENBERG

Ilene Henninger Frauenberg was born at Steele, North Dakota, to Fred and Rike (Michaelsen) Henninger. The family moved to Hudson Township in 1931.

Ilene graduated from Guelph High School in 1946 and was then employed as a telephone operator in Oakes, North Dakota, from 1946 to 1948. She was united in marriage to Albert Frauenberg of LaMoure, North Dakota, on January 26, 1948. Albert and Ilene have two children, Constance Ilene and James Albert.

Connie was born October 24, 1954, at Oakes, North Dakota. She graduated from LaMoure High School in 1972 and then attended NDSSS at Wahpeton. Connie married James Bitz, of Edgeley, North Dakota, on June 2, 1973. Jim and Connie are parents of three daughters--Kimberly Lynne, born October 13, 1977; Kelli Marie, born January 30, 1979; and Kari Anne, born April 5, 1982. They farm south of LaMoure.

James was born January 1, 1958, at Oakes, North Dakota. He graduated from LaMoure High School in 1976 and then attended NDSSS at Wahpeton. Jim is now farming with his parents.

ART AND JUDY FREDRICK



The Art Fredrick Family (1980)

By Judy Fredrick

Art Fredrick was born Aug. 6, 1940, west of Guelph to Julia and Louis Fredrick. He was youngest of 11 children. He attended school at Guelph for 3 grades, then moved with his family to Kulm in 1949.

Judy was born Jan. 16, 1944, to Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Warner. I lived my first 10 years by Jump River, Wisconsin. We moved to N.D. in Jan., 1954. I started school at Guelph in the middle of the 4th grade. Coming from a one-room country school, Guelph School seemed to me very large. When I was 12, I went to work for Lela Cowley during the summer and it became a regular summer job until I graduated from school. Many weekends were spent working at the Cafe for Alva Burley. I took piano lessons for several years from Lottie Puffer. After graduation, I went to work at Pheasant Lanes Cafe where Art and I met. Art was employed in the bowling lanes at the time. We were married Aug. 15, 1965, and stayed in Ellendale for a year during which time Art worked as a baker in Fran's Bakery. We moved to Greenway, S.D., in April, 1967, and our oldest son, Timothy, was born Jan. 22, 1968, there. In April of 1968, we moved to a farm north of Columbia, S.D., and have lived here close to 15 years. Our youngest son, Joseph, was born May 28, 1973.

EDWIN & ANNETTA FREDRICK



The Ed Fredrick family and Mrs. Louie Fredrick (Ed's mother)

Edwin was born Oct. 1930 to Louie and Julia Steltzer Frederick. He married Annetta Rost in 1955. Annetta was born in Kulm, N.D. May, 1937, to John and Christina Bollinger Rost.

Edwin has always lived in the Guelph-Ellendale area except for the 2 years he served in the Korean War. After his discharge from the service, he worked at various jobs. In 1970 he purchased the Standard Oil Service Station which he still operates with his 3 sons.

Annetta moved to Ellendale with her family in 1951. She is presently employed at Ellendale Memorial Hospital. In 1973 she attended the first Emergency Medical Technician class held in Ellendale. She is an active member of the Ellendale community ambulance service.

Edwin and Annetta have 3 sons--Arlyn E. served 3 years in the army, part of which was in Germany; Jerome J. living at Dickenson, N.D., and Ned a student in the Ellendale school.

LOUIE AND JULIA FREDRICK



Louie and Julia Fredrick



The Louis Fredrick Family (40th Anniversary - 1968)

Louie was born in Germany and also served in the German army. When he arrived in America during World War I he was drafted into the American army.

Louie married Julia Steltzer. They were blessed with 10 children: Helen Schock of Wishek, N.D.; Robert, Gilbert, Minn.; Henry, Grand Forks, N.D.; Gust, Forbes, N.D.; Edwin, Ellendale, N.D.; Elsie (Mrs. Jack Hayenga), Guelph, N.D.; Ida (Mrs. Curtiss Becker), Mobridge, S.D.; Hilda Mogck, Ferndale, Wash.; Emil, Ellendale, N.D. and Arthur, Columbia, S.D.

Louie worked at various places around the Guelph area. In 1950 Louie and Julia with their 3 younger children moved to Kulm, N.D. where they made their first home, until Louie became ill. They moved to Wishek to live with their daughter Helen Schock. After a year Louie moved to the Nursing Center in Ellendale where he died in 1979. Julia resides with her daughter Helen.

RICHARD AND GERTRUDE GARLAND



Gertrude, Richard Jr., Debbie, Richard Sr. Garland.

Gertrude Hill was born to Swan and Hilma (Korpi) Hill of Ludden on December 10, 1913. Her parents lived on a farm in the Ludden area. The following were her brothers and sisters: Martha, John, Bertha, Ada, Mayme, Willard, Gust and Pearle.

She married Richard Garland, now deceased, a mechanic and salesman in March 1940. He was born in Long Prairie, Minn. on Oct. 20, 1913 to Frank and Sarah (Davis) Garland. Richard and Gertrude have 4 sons and 1 daughter.

Russell, a teacher, married Shirley Sangstad. They have 2 sons, Rhett 12 and Robin 7.

Rodney, a roofer, married Joann Zilson. They have 2 sons, Cary 12, and Eric 7.

Richard, a Jehovah Witness Missionary, married Debbie DeLaughter and they now live in Lemite Kanshasa, Republic of Zaire, Africa.

Ronald, a roofer, single, lives at Crete, N.Dak.

ARTHUR AND (IDA) MAE WEITALA GEBHARDT



Art and Mae Gebhardt



Mae and Arthur Gebhardt Family

(Ida) Mae Weitala and Arthur A. Gebhardt were married September 9, 1951 at Ellendale, North Dakota. They have 3 children, Jerome, works for the state of North Dakota as a Driver's License Examiner, married Cindy Woight of Lisbon, North Dakota; Elaine, an R.N., married to Kurt Dodger of Little Rock, Arkansas, and LaPalma, an R.N. married to Gayle Dobler of Beulah, North Dakota. The Gebhardt's have 3 grandchildren.

Arthur works for the State of North Dakota as a truck Inspector. Mae graduated from Guelph High School in 1947 and is a transcriptionist at Ellendale Memorial Hospital. They have lived in Ellendale since their marriage.

Mrs. Gebhardt is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Weitala.

RALPH AND EMMA GELLING



Ralph and Emma Gelling

Ralph and Emma Gelling moved to Guelph in June, 1961. He and his son, Vern, managed the Guelph Farmers Elevator until June, 1966. Ralph and Emma then retired and moved to Revillo, S. Dak. Ralph passed away in January, 1980. Emma then moved to the Good Samaritan Center in Oakes in February, 1980, and passed away there in April, 1980.



Vern Gelling



Vern Gelling's daughters, Judy Nelson, Carol Gelling, Cindy Wilkinson, Joyce Nelson.

Vern lived in Guelph and managed the Guelph Farmers Elevator from 1961 to 1966. He now lives in Gwinner and drives a truck for Melroe. He has been there for 16 years.

He has four daughters. Judy married Kevin Nelson and they have three children and live in Coon Rapids, Minnesota. Joyce married Lee Nelson. They have two children and live 10 miles north of Oakes. Cindy married Bill Wilkinson and they have one daughter and live 8 miles north of Oakes. Carol is a student at N.D.S.U. in Fargo.

ED AND ETHEL GEMAR

Ed Gemar, son of Pete Gemar, married Ethel Baker, daughter of Sanford and Gena Baker, January 3, 1937. They had four children: Yvonne, Darlene, Geri and Gary.

Yvonne married Dale Dalziel and they have two boys, Scott and Todd. Both boys are attending college in Devils Lake and Grand Forks. Yvonne teaches in Devils Lake and her husband works in the administration office.

Darlene has two children, Mark and Tammy. They live in West Fargo. She is employed at the Amoco Service Station in West Fargo.

Geri is married to Dennis Kensak, who works for the Steiger Tractor Company in West Fargo. They also live in West Fargo.

Gary lives at home in Verona and works at Dick's Bar.

Ethel and Ed have lived in Verona for the past twenty years. Ethel retired from teaching in 1960. Ed was working as Custodian at Oakes Armory when he passed away in 1972.

Ethel has 2 brothers, Harold and Leslie. She attended rural school through the grades and 3 years of high school in Guelph. She attended Oakes High School for her senior year and graduated from high school there. She attended the N.I. for 2 years and received her teaching certificate.

JOHN A. GENTZ



Marvin and Floyd Gentz.

John A. Gentz was born in Bloomington, Illinois, on April 2, 1894 and his wife, Petro Maria Jorgenson was born September 9, 1889. They were married April 3, 1918, and lived and farmed in Wright Township on NE¼ of Sec. 12-132-61. They had 2 sons, Floyd J., born September 17, 1923, and Marvin John, born April 5, 1927.

Petro passed away March 31, 1954. On June 19, 1969, John and his sons moved to Ludden where he worked as a farm laborer until 1976. He passed away October 26, 1979. Floyd and Marvin remain in Ludden, North Dakota, and are semi-retired.

HARLEN AND DELORES GERDES



Harlen and Delores Gerdes and family.

Harlen, the son of Herman and Ramona (Lunzman) Gerdes of Hecla, S.D. was born August 24, 1950 in Britton, S.D. He has 3 brothers, Harold, Gale, and Carson all of Hecla. He graduated from Hecla High School in 1968. June 20, 1970 he married Delores Maddock, the daughter of John and Madeline (Tuchscher) Maddock. She was born May 9, 1951, in Britton, S.D. She attended school in Guelph and graduated from high school there in 1969. She has one brother, Francis of Guelph.

From 1970 to 1974 they moved to various states, as Harlen served in the U.S. Air Force. In 1974 they bought the farm at Guelph located 4 miles west and 2 miles north of Guelph where they raised grain, beef cows, and milked cows. Their children, Shawna Lynn, born May 31, 1972, and Rance Justin born September 15, 1975, enjoyed all the benefits of being "farm kids." In 1979 it was "On the Road Again" to Ronan, Montana, where they purchased a ranch located 4½ miles west of Ronan in an area known as "Round Butte". The farm in North Dakota was sold to Mick German. Their ranch now is all under flood irrigation, and at the present time they raise horses and hay. They hope to purchase cows in the near future. Harlen is employed by the Flathead Irrigation Project and Delores is his housewife and "irrigator". Shawna is in 4-H and plans to raise sheep and horses as projects. Rance is all "cowboy" and really enjoys ranch life. Delores says, "We hope all of our friends and relatives can have the opportunity to visit our little corner of the world and enjoy the Mission Valley as we do."

CHARLES AND FAYE (MEYERS) GERMAN



Charles German family.

Charles (Chuck), son of George and Bernita German was born September 10, 1948. He graduated from Guelph High School in 1966 and attended Wahpeton State School of Science where he graduated with an Auto Body Repair degree. After his first summer at auto body repair he volunteered his services to our country. Chuck trained at Fort Lewis, Washington, and served in Viet Nam for 14 months. After his discharge from the Army, he returned home and married Faye Meyers of Hecla, South Dakota, on August 6, 1971.

Chuck built and owns Chuck's Body Shop in Ludden and they have built a new home, also located in Ludden.

Chuck and Faye have four children: Christine, Marie, Brenda, and Mathias.

EDWARD LOUIS GERMAN FAMILY



Edward and Catherine German

Edward German, born July 18, 1922, at Oakes, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mathias J. German of Guelph. He married Catherine L. Donnelly of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, on September 10, 1958, in St. Edwards Catholic Church at Corona, California. Edward German served as deputy sheriff for 1½ years in Sargent County. During 1943 and 1944, he made the "Harvest Brigade" through Oklahoma and Kansas. Prior to moving to California, he owned and operated a mechanic and welding shop at Brampton, North Dakota, for about three years. For another thirty years he worked in industry and farming in the Guelph area.

The family now resides at Corona, California, where he is a head mechanic on gas, diesel and propane equipment for Pacific Clay Products Company at Elsmore, California.

Ed German recalls:

During the early 30's, North Dakota State Game and Fish Department paid residents for all the live and healthy pheasants they could supply so that they could be relocated to Wisconsin and Michigan, where pheasants were on the decline. Ed German was kept plenty busy feeding all of these birds until their weekly pick-up. However, he was happy to help the cause.

During the hunt at night, one would drive, one would shine the gas lantern with a shiny dish pan as a reflector. The retriever had a hoop net on an 8' handle. Needless to say this was quite different and quite entertaining and "legal". The state paid $1.00 per bird for awhile and later dropped to 50¢ per bird. The project lasted for approximately 3 years.

Ed German recalls:

A wonderful man named Ray Lewis, who used to be a music teacher for the Guelph, Oakes and Ludden areas. Any of his band activities were always open for anyone reasonably qualified to participate into any program of his. He gave Guelph and its surrounding areas many pleasurable free band concerts at the city park on Sunday evenings in Oakes. Mr. Lewis just loved to make people happy with music which was his avocation. His profession was photography in his studio located in Oakes, North Dakota.

EUGENE AND VERYL GERMAN



Eugene and Veryl German

Eugene German, the son of Matt and Anna (Braun) German, was born at Guelph on April 28, 1924. He married Veryl L. Schnaible of Mound City, S. Dak. on July 11, 1953.

The family moved to Corona, California, in October 1953 and have resided there since.

Gene first worked for his brothers, Frank and Jerry, and in 1960 started to work for 3 M and is still with the company.

They are the parents of two sons, Mark and John. They have two grandchildren: Christoper, age 6 and Ryan Gene, age 3 months. They are the sons of Mark and Cindy German. John, the younger son, is not married.

FRANK GERMAN FAMILY

Frank Mathias German was born at Oakes on June 15, 1915, to Mr. and Mrs. Mathias German of Guelph. On January 7, 1946, he married Wilma Olson of Kansas. They are the parents of two sons, William Jerome and Robert Lawrence; and a daughter, Frances Dian who married Gregg Mrosko of California. Frank and Wilma have four grandchildren.

Frank has been self-employed for 35 years with his brother, Jerome, in the Brake and Wheel Body Shop in Corona, California.

In recalling experiences from the years he lived in the Guelph area, Frank relates the following story:

"In 1935 Lawrence and I had the garage in Guelph. During harvest season, Walt Beck had a threshing crew which he fed at Warren and Helen Courtney's Cafe next door to our garage with a narrow passageway between. Lawrence and I slept in the garage which had a small room with only one window and no screen. Very early one morning, Walt and his crew crept up to our window and tossed in some cherry bombs. We didn't move nor make a sound so we figured they would be back the next morning. Sure enough they were and we were ready. When we opened fire with a pair of 12-gauge shot guns, there was a stampede like you never heard before. Strangely enough, they never came back down the passage."

GEORGE AND BERNITA GERMAN

George German was born Jan. 29, 1908 at Humphrey, Nebraska, and came to North Dakota when he was a year old with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Matt German. They settled in the Ludden area and lived there until 1919 when they moved to the Guelph area on the farm where Mr. and Mrs. Gerald German now live.



Mr. and Mrs. George German, 1967



Back row: Charles, Robert, Anthony. Front row: James, Joan, Bernita, Rose, Gerald. 70th Birthday of Bernita German. June, 1982.

Bernita (Magsamen) German was born at Humphrey, Nebraska, on June 14, 1912. She came to North Dakota in January, 1934, after she married George at Humphrey, Nebraska.

George and Bernita first farmed and lived on the farm now owned by Jeff Forward (NW¼ Sec. 23-130-60). Three children were born there, Joan German Maddock on January 11, 1935, Gerald, April 7, 1936, and Anthony, August 6, 1939.

In November 1939, the family moved to a farm southwest of Guelph (N½ of Sec. 7-129-60) now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Ray Burkhardt. James was born December 9, 1941, while living there. They moved to a farm which they bought in 1944. Bernita lives here at the present time, (E½ of Sec. 26-130-60). Mr. and Mrs. James German bought the farm in 1975 and built a house there in which they now live. Rose German (Sell) was born December 11, 1944, Charles, December 11, 1948, Linda Ann, October 11, 1952 and died in February, 1953. Robert was born November 9, 1953.

George was killed in a tractor accident on the farm on August 28, 1967.

All of the children with the exception of Robert attended and graduated from the Guelph school. Robert finished his senior year in the Oakes School.

Bernita continues to reside on the family farm. She has 30 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. Her hobby is quilting.

GERALD AND CLAIRE GERMAN



The Gerald German family. Craig, Jerry holding Lana, Claire, Bryan, Curt, Heidi. FRONT: Lori and Linette.

Gerald German, the oldest son of George and Bernita German, was born April 7, 1936. He attended Guelph School and graduated from high school there in 1955. October 5, 1971, he married Claire Holzworth. She was born June 1, 1945 and is the daughter of Edgar and Clara (Raba) Holzworth of Selby, S.D.

Gerald had been married before and lived in Wyoming. From this marriage he had 2 sons, Craig born November 8, 1961 and Curt born December 14, 1962. Both were born in Riverton, Wyoming. Claire says, "When I married Gerald, I also gained two super boys, Craig and Curt." Craig is attending University of Wyoming majoring in Commercial Arts. He married Heidi Greer May 23, 1982. She also attends University of Wyoming and is majoring in psychology.

Gerald and Claire have 4 children at home with them. Bryan in the 8th grade was born November 7, 1968. Linette in the 4th grade was born November 21, 1972. Lori in the 2nd grade was born September 19, 1974. Lana "the Boss" was born March 2, 1980. All were born in Oakes.

The Germans live on the farm owned by his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Matt German. Since they moved there they have remodeled the house and built on an addition. They have gotten rid of some of the old buildings, pulled up much of the fence line, and built a large quonset building and several grain bins.

Gerald has 2 sisters, Joan Maddock of California and Rose Sell of Guelph, and 4 brothers, Anothony and Robert of California, Charles of Ludden and James of Guelph. Gerald really pulled a surprise on his sister Joan and husband on their 25th wedding anniversary. They weren't expecting him. He came to their door posing as a deaf mute lady, trying to sell pencils for her schooling.

Claire has a brother, Wayne and a sister Susan Schneider. Both live in South Dakota.

JAMES GERMAN FAMILY



Jim German family. Back: Janell, Jessica. Middle: Julie, Janeen, Jimmy, James. Front (child) Jarrett.

James German, the son of George and Bernita German, was born at Oakes December 12, 1941. He married Julie Dunn, the daughter of Leo and Ludwina Dunn, of Ellendale on December 31, 1964.

They are the parents of three daughters, Janeen, Janell, and Jessica; and two sons, Jimmy and Jarrett.

James attended the Guelph school and graduated from Guelph High School in 1960. James is a farmer in the Guelph area.

JEROME AND CAROL GERMAN



Jerome German family

Jerome Conrad German was born Oct. 7, 1918, to Mathias and Anna (Braun) German at Guelph, N. Dak. Jerome had nine brothers and two sisters (listed in Matt German story).

He married Carol J. Strobel, St. Cloud, Minnesota, daughter of Alphonse and Sara Bell Strobel, Oct. 26,

1944 at March Air Force Base, Riverside, California. Carol has one brother, Donald.

They have 4 sons and 2 daughters. Donald is married, has 4 children; Kathleen is married, 3 children; Jerome, married, 2 children; Thomas, married, 1 child and expecting another; Sarah, married, 2 children; and James is single.

Jerome entered the Army Air Force in 1941. He served 26 months overseas in the China-Burma-India Theatre of Operations. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal and Cluster, Victory Medal and Presidential Citation. He received the rank of Major and was discharged in 1945.

Now, he owns an autobody repair shop at Corona, California.

LEO AND SHIRLEY GERMAN



Leo and Shirley German, Sharon, Jayme, Keith, Michael and Jeanne.

Leo was born Oct. 12, 1913 on the "Butte" farm (N½ of Sec. 27-130-60) a few miles north east of Guelph, N. Dak. now owned by Jeff Forward. Shirley was born one mile north of Guelph on the old "Courtney" farm SW¼-Sec. 29-130-60) on November 1, 1920.

They have five children. Keith and Sharon Bymers (first marriage of Shirley. Her first husband Keith Bymers was killed in a motorcycle accident), Michael, Jeanne and Jayme. Keith and Sue Bymers have two children, Kelly Jo and Peter. They live at Oroville, Ca. Sharon and Harvey Waletzko have two children, Craig and Cory. They live at Monte Sereno, Ca.; Michael and Judy German have two children, Nicole and Scott and they live on a farm near Fullerton, N. Dak. Jeanne and Larry Thorpe have four children, Ryan, Robyn, Robert and Rose, and they live on a farm near Guelph, N. Dak. Jayme (Jay) is a lieutenant in the army and is a helicopter pilot. He is stationed at Ft. Hood, Tx. but has bought a house in Kilean, Texas, near the base.

Leo spent 1½ years in the CCC camps in Grand Marais, Minn. and Priest River, Idaho. He also spent 3½ years in the Navy during World War II. He served 36 months overseas in the Asiatic-Pacific Theatre of Operations. He received the rating of Motor Machinist's mate First Class. He worked some time for the State Highway Dept. out of Valley City before and after he came home from the Navy.

Shirley and Leo were married on January 9, 1947. At that time Leo and Carl Enstrom of Oakes had formed a construction company and did carpenter work until 1950 when Leo and Shirley purchased a farm northwest of Guelph, N.D. (SW¼ of Sec. 12-130-61). They farmed until 1971 when their son, Michael was married and took over the farm. Shirley was an Avon representative for 12 years while they were on the farm.

They purchased a home in Oakes, N. Dak. where they now live. Leo is a "fix-it" man for the family and friends in and around Oakes, N. Dak. Shirley has been a volunteer member of the Oakes Ambulance crew for 10 years.

Golfing is their "fun" pastime.

They have 10 grandchildren.

LOUIS AND NORMA GERMAN

Louis Henry German, youngest son of Matt and Anna German, was born January 3, 1928, and grew up on the family farm in Hudson Township. He attended the Port Emma gradé school and graduated from Guelph High School, class of 1946. He completed the Farm Machinery and Welding Course at the Ellendale Teacher's College (N.I.) and then farmed with his father. As a young man, Louis was an avid sports enthusiast and participated in various school and community sporting events. During these years, he enjoyed pitching baseball for teams in Guelph, Oakes, and Frederick.

In 1950, he married Norma Katherine Hokana, daughter of Emil and Hillia Hokana of Ada Township. She was born August 24, 1928 and attended grade school in Ada Township, three years of high school at Guelph and graduated from Ellendale High in 1945. She also studied Business Education at Ellendale Teacher's College. Before her marriage, she was employed at the National Headquarters of the American Automobile Association in Washington, D.C. She also worked on her father's farm.

Louis and Norma left the Guelph area in 1954 and prior to moving to the Grand Rapids, Minnesota, area in 1965 where they now live, resided in Bloomer, Wisconsin, and Coon Rapids, Minnesota. During these years, he was employed as a welder and currently works for the Blandin Paper Company as a maintenance welder. He has also taught welding classes both full and part-time at the Itasca Community College for the past 18 years.

Louis and Norma love the outdoors and did much of the work on their recently completed home on Little Jay Gould Lake, where they enjoy entertaining their church groups and their many friends and relatives.

They have 6 children. Their oldest daughter, Suzanne, born July 4, 1951, at Oakes, North Dakota, was

profoundly injured in an automible accident in 1969 and lives with her parents.

Patricia Kay German was also born at Oakes, January 11, 1953. She was married on August 18, 1979, to Wayne Maurice Needham. They are both graduates of San Jose State University in California and are now employed by Intel Corporation in Chandler, Arizona.

Their eldest son, Richard, was born at Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, July 6, 1955. He will graduate from Mankato State University, Mankato, Minnesota, with a B. S. degree in Secondary Education, in the spring of 1983. He was married to Joan Addicks in April 1982, and they reside in Winsted, Minnesota, where she is employed as a social worker. Joan is a graduate of Mankato State University with a degree in Social Work.

Keith Charles, born October 3, 1956, in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, lives in Houston, Texas. He is employed by the Milchem Corporation as a research chemist. Keith grauated from the University of North Dakota in 1980 with a B. S. degree in Chemistry.

Barbara Lynn German was also born in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, June 9, 1959. She is currently employed by Quadna Mountain Resort, Hill City, Minnesota. Barbara graduated from the College of St. Scholastica in Duluth, Minnesota, May 1981, with a B. A. degree in Elementary Education and English Literature.

Their youngest daughter, Kristine, is a senior student at Carleton College, Northfield, Minnesota, and is majoring in physics. Kristine had the opportunity to study in Graz, Austria, in 1980 and will enroll in the School of Architecture at the University of Minnesota after graduating from Carleton.

MATHIAS AND ANNA GERMAN



Matt German family about 1944. Spouses and grandchildren.

Mathias (Matt) Francis German was born February 21, 1886, near Humphrey, Nebraska, in St. Mary's Cummunity. His wife Anna (Braun) German was born on March 17, 1883. They were both born and raised in the same area. They were married there on January 9, 1907.

Their first son, George was also born in Nebraska. The family moved to Ludden, N.D. in 1909 where Matt farmed with his brother-in-law, Joseph Fehringer for one year. (NW¼ of Sec. 13-129-60). Lawrence German was born at the Fehringer farm on September 4, 1909.

The German family then moved to the Butte farm (NW¼ of Sec. 23-130-60), which is a Forward farm now. George German and his wife lived on this farm when they were first married. Josephine, Leo, Frank, Bernard and Jerome were all born here.

Matt bought a farm in Port Emma township (SE¼ of Sec. 35-130-60) in 1918. Josephine died at this place of pnuemonia in January 1920. Lucille (German) Kelly, Edward, Eugene and Mathias, Jr. were born here. Louis the youngest child, was born at Oakes. A grandson, Gerald German, lives on the farm now. (1983)

Matt German served for a time as township supervisor and assessor and on the Guelph Farmers Elevator board. In 1942 he was appointed county commissioner to fill the vacancy due to the death of Charles Kendall.

The Germans had a German party in the winter time - German people only. They ate German foods, sang German songs, danced and played cards. On the Fourth of July they had pot-luck dinner for the neighborhood and a barn dance in the evening.

The Germans bought the Hudson school on the corner of the Carl Oswald farm and used it as a summer kitchen. In the winter they had parties for the neighbors here. Olaf Olufson played the accordian and violin, Peter Hemmerling and the Cotton brothers played the organ and chorded, Sanford Baker played the piano and banjo. They also did their butchering, cured meat, made sausage and canned meat in this building. The Germans, Kellys, Kendalls and LeMiers worked together butchering. Mrs. German also made her soap here.

Mrs. German (Anna) had a large garden and a smaller one for early produce and flowers. She furnished flowers for St. Charles Catholic Church in Oakes. She had a large strawberry patch often picking 120 quarts in one day which they sold for 22¢ a quart.

Mrs. German did a great deal of baking for their family of eleven children. This is her record for a six months period. She bought 21, fifty pound sacks of flour. From that she baked 439 loaves of bread, 48 cakes, 77 pies, 147 dozen cookies, 168½ dozen buns, 35½ dozen cupcakes and 14 dozen rolls. Besides the baking there was ironing to be done. Lucille ironed 22 shirts in one week for her father and brothers with flat irons heated on the stove.

Matt and sons put up ice from the James River. The ice was packed in a hole in the ground with flax straw between the ice blocks. An A-frame roof was built over the ice.

Matt and the boys dug the old Port Emma elevator steel pit out of the ground and pulled it into the farm yard to be used for a swimming pool.

A tornado had destroyed the Port Emma elevator as well as the German's barn and the shed on the house. The tornado took the table on which a crock of wine sat, but did not break the crock or spill the wine. The butter churn and clothing were found out in the pasture.

There were so many German boys on the baseball team that one Sunday Matt, and his sons, Lester Turner,

a neighbor, took on the Ludden team. Lucille even played. What a fun day for all!

Germans had one of the first radios in the community. It had earphones. They used to hold one earpiece to the telephone which was a partyline and crank the phone so the neighbors could listen to the radio.

Matt and son George owned one of the first combines in the area. George did custom combining.

In World War II five of the German sons served their country. Leo was in the navy aboard the U.S. Pennsacola in the Pacific; Frank was in the army air force - a prop mechanic in Hawaii; Bernards was in the army and lost his right leg in St. Lou, Normandy; Jerome was a bomber pilot in the army air force and Gene was in the army in Triest. Gene also served in the Korean War.

Matt died on August 9, 1961 in a Fargo hospital as the result of a pick-up accident on August 1, 1961.

Anna German spent the last several years of her life in the Oakes Good Samaritan Home. There she was busy making quilts or knitting. She died in Fargo following ulcer surgery on November 13, 1976.

MICHAEL AND JUDY GERMAN



Michael and Judy German, Scott and Nicole

Michael, the son of Leo and Shirley Courtney German, attended school in Guelph and graduated from high school there in 1965. He attended college for 2 years, and then came back to farm with his father. October 30, 1971, he married Judy Schroeder, the daughter of Joe and Edna Schroeder, of Lovell Township. She also attended Guelph High School and graduated from there in 1963. Together they are buying and farming the German farm.

They have a daughter, Nicole Ann, born Oct. 28, 1972, who is a 4th grader in Oakes Elementary School, and a son, Scott Michael, born May 21, 1974 who is in 3rd grade in the Oakes Elementary School.



Location of German Ceramics, at German Farms, owned by Michael and Judy German.

German Ceramics came to the Guelph area in the fall of 1973. Classes were held in our home for 7 years; (located 4 miles north and 1½ miles west of Guelph or 7 miles west, 4 miles south and 1½ miles from Oakes) before moving into Oakes in the former Kelsen Bakery on Main Street in the fall of 1979.

We were entering our 3rd year of business there when we were devastated by a fire November 27, 1981 at 7:30 p.m. Along with our shop 3 other businesses were destroyed, Oakes Cafe, Joe's Barber Shop, and Shirley's Beauty Salon. Nothing was saved.

We again reopened at our farm at the above directions Oct. 15, 1982, with classes and custom work for you and your special occasions.

We thank the Guelph Community for giving us the honor of making the Guelph memorable souvenir items with ceramics for their centennial celebration July 1, 2, 3, 1983.

Centennial items and souvenirs will be available even after the 1983 celebration dates.

ROBERT AND JUDITH GERMAN

Robert, son of George and Bernita German, was born Nov. 9, 1953. He has 2 sisters and 4 brothers (see George German History). He attended 11 years of school in the Guelph Public School taking his senior year in Oakes when Guelph annexed to the Oakes system.

Robert married Judith Ellen Samways, March 6, 1976, at 13916 Manor Drive, Hawthorne, Cal. She was born Oct. 14, 1949, to Edward and Doris Samways at St. Boniface, Manitoba, Canada, and has 1 sister.

Robert is employed by Baker Engineering, Alhambra, Ca. as an air conditioning journeyman.



Robert and Judith German

HENRY AND DOROTHY GERNHARDT



Rev. Henry and Dorothy Gernhardt

Henry J. Gernhardt, son of Henry and Roxanne White Gernhardt, was born August 27, 1910, in Bedford, Indiana. He was married to Dorothy Clark, daughter of K.F. and Agnes Kouba Clark. She was born Nov. 1, 1912, at Dickinson, N. Dak. Henry and Dorothy were married October 29, 1932 at Sacramento, California.

Their children are Joanne who was married on August 31, 1953, to Myrle Rice of Hibbing, Minnesota. They had 3 children. Joanna married the second time to Ed Garcia on June 6, 1963, and lives in Sacramento, California.

Henry Clarke married Gloria McGregor of Valley City on Sept. 30, 1955. They have 4 children and reside in Jamestown, N.D.

Gary Kenneth married Vickie Anderson from Wahpeton. They have one child, Seli and live in Jamestown, Ohio.

Henry was Guelph High School principal and superintendent from 1936 to 1938. He would, also, tend the furnace, teach a full schedule, and coach boys basketball for a salary of $100 a month.

During their years in Guelph they lived in what was then called the Methodist parsonage just west of the Methodist church now owned and occupied by the Ray Browns. Their home was also a boarding place for high school students as roads filled in with snow making it impossible to travel back and forth daily to school from the country.

Mr. Gernhardt also filled in as minister and Sunday School teacher on Sundays when the minister could not get out from Ellendale.

When they left Guelph, Henry went into the ministry serving several charges. His last charge was in 1968 to 1973 at the Methodist Church in Guelph and Ellendale, They moved to Dickinson where Henry passed away Sept. 9, 1977. Dorothy is living in Sacramento where she does volunteer work and is near her mother who is 92 years old and resides at a Nursing home.

Dorothy says, "Our days in Guelph were happy ones - both the school teaching and ministering years. Henry and I always felt that God led us to Guelph because Henry almost signed a contract for another school and I'm sure we wouldn't have found such wonderful, life-long friends as we did by moving to Guelph forty-six years ago."

TOM & ELIZABETH GIBSON

Tom and Elizabeth Gibson moved from Mina, South Dakota to Lovell Township near Ludden, North Dakota, to the Porter farm in October, 1926.

Sam and Harry, the oldest sons, and Dave Miller drove the cattle and horses riding horseback. The first night they made it as far as Columbia, South Dakota. There they kept the livestock in the stockyards. The men slept on the ground near the stockyards in order to keep watch over the animals. The next night they got to the Miller farm east of Hecla. They stayed there for about two weeks until the rest of the family came. Tom and Elizabeth and the other children (Daisy, Peggy, Bill and Tim) came by car. Hans Tobiason of Mina was the one who drove the car. From there they went to the farm they rented known as the Porter farm. Their closest neighbors at that time were the Albe Luoma family. Mom tells about how they helped each other out whenever needed. (Which seemed to be the trend at that time where neighbors worked together). Mom was with Mrs. Luoma at the time their daughter, Nelma (Mrs. Willis Nelson) was born. While they were living on this farm, the family came down with Scarlet Fever and

was quarantined. The local mailman delivered groceries and supplies to their home.

In 1928 they moved to the Brady place east and south of Ludden. Their closest neighbors were Bill Grotelueschen and Otto and Nona Swanson family. The children attended school in a country school half mile north of this farm.

Their next move was to a farm southeast of Oakes.

Tom passed away in February, 1956. Elizabeth now resides in the Good Samaritan Home in Oakes. Their ten children reside at the following places: Harry at Twin Falls, Idaho; Daisy (Mrs. Ole Nassen) at Cave Junction, Oregon; Bill (Ret. Lt. Col.) at Fairfax, Virginia; Peggy (Mrs. Leo Nikle) at Grand Forks, N.D.; Larry at Frazee, Minn.; Mike at Milwaukee, Oregon; Cora (Mrs. Lynn Ridder) at Casselton, N.D.; Sam, Tim and Patty (Mrs. Gerald Coon) at Oakes, N.D.

JOSEPH N. AND FRANCES (ROYCE) GOLDSTRAND



Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Goldstrand (November 1943)

Joseph and Frances were married August 27, 1943 and moved from Minnesota to their present location, 762 Almond Dr., Watsonville, Ca. near Monterey Bay in 1946. Their home is 6 miles from the ocean, near lots of farm land and orchards (berries, apples, lettuce, cabbage and etc.). The mountains are only a few miles away, and the climate is favorable the year around.

They have three children: Linda Norris is married and has two daughters; she works full time.

Dennis Goldstrand is single and graduated from the State University at Chicago, now district manager for the Equitable Assurance Society of U.S. in Stockton, Ca.

Patrick Goldstrand is single, now completing his studies at Humboldt State University in northern California, majoring in Geology, after serving four years in the submarines.

Joseph worked as court clerk, stock broker and was advertising manager of the West Coast Division for Stokely Van Camps for many years. He is now retired.

Frances works full time for a Chevrolet dealership as a bookkeeper. Prior to this she worked 10 years for another firm in California. Before coming to California, she attended business school in St. Paul, Mn., also Jr. College in California. She worked for a telephone company in Minneapolis and Northwest airlines in Minnesota and Canada.

Their hobbies are dancing, music, hiking, going to the beach, bike riding and traveling. They have traveled to New Zealand, Africa, Europe, Tahiti and Hawaii. Their favorite place is New Zealand.

Joe has three sisters: Lillian Geesen, St. Paul, Mn.; Mae Hannen, Florida and Florence Crouch, Minneapolis, Mn. His parents are Joseph and Loretta Kraemer Goldstrand, deceased.

Frances has two sisters, Dorothy Johnson, deceased; Mary Hausner of Minnesota and one brother, Howard Royce in Minneapolis. Her parents were Howard and Martha Lucke Royce, both deceased. They farmed in Hudson Township and lived on the SW¼ of Section 14, recently owned by Marvin Aarons, and now owned by Allen Forward. Frances attended Hudson country schools and graduated from Guelph High School in 1940.

WILLIAM B. AND EVELYN HOKANA GORDON

In a family of ten children, I am Evelyn, "one of the twins" born to Emil M. and Hillia (Wattula) Hokana of Guelph, North Dakota. In 1949, I graduated from Guelph High School in a class of three students and, after two years of business college journeyed by train to Washington, D.C. to accept a government position with the U.S. Marine Corps. Later on, I went west to Denver where I met my husband, Bill Gordon. We were married on October 5, 1957, at the State Line Apostolic Lutheran Church of Guelph. My husband is employed by a large, world-wide engineering and construction firm which takes us to many areas of the country. Currently, we are living in Concord, California.

We have one son, Brent and identical twin daughters, Shelly and Kelly. Brent has received his degrees in Mathematics and Physics and is currently working towards a doctorate in Nuclear Physics. He does designing and building of electronic and computerized test equipment for the Research Department of New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology.

Shelly and Kelly are in their second year at New Mexico Tech.

Both of my parents are deceased: each having lived most of their 86 years in the Guelph, N.D. area. Bill's folks live in Golden, west of Denver, Colorado. He has four brothers and one sister.

CARL & ALICE GRADY



Carl and Alice Grady (July 24, 1926)

In 1910, Carl Grady and his brother Jake started farming, thinking it was a good life. Those years were lean years, though some years were better or fair. Those years the area was more thickly settled, so that made it nice as a neighborhood. Horse days (called good old days) were, of course, horse days. That meant small machinery could be drawn by them. The work got done much slower. But, by not farming so much, the work got done. It was much harder work, too. The haying and harvesting and threshing were the hardest, and were dreaded the most. Especially threshing - it meant early and late. The grainfields were cut with the binder, then shocked by hand, so at threshing time this was called shock threshing. This required from 6 to 8 bundle teams and perhaps 2 spike pitchers to a threshing machine. Thus, it took several grain haulers to haul the grain to town to the granaries to be unloaded by hand with a scoop shovel! This was very hard work, especially when it was very hot.

Headers were also used when the grain was very short, and they had to use header boxes. Then the grain was stacked in long ricks; this was called stack threshing. This did not require so many men, but had to have several grain haulers. Some threshing rigs had cook cars, and some didn't, so either way, it was a lot of extra work for the cooks.

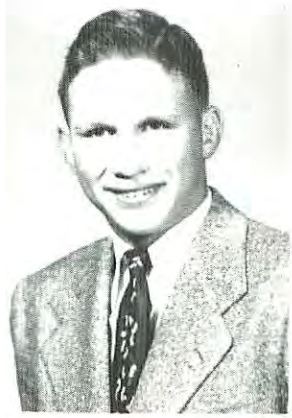
In those days, farmers had horses, stock cows, milk cows, pigs, sheep, and poultry of several kinds. Those days were difficult days on account of wild animals, such as the fox, weasels, mink, rats, etc. They had a fox and rabbit hunt several times in the wintertime, the proceeds going for a good cause. Those years the farmer lived mostly on stock cattle and milk cows, also produce, etc., as the grain crops were used for farming and its expenses. Farming was very costly, as much as even now comparatively, due to poor crops and poor prices. Nowadays with this modern machinery, it is so much easier than it used to be, though this is a very expensive age.

In the year 1888, Carl John Anderson immigrated to the good United States of America from Gottenburg, Sweden, to Hildreth, Nebraska. He worked there as a hired man, and in the year 1889, Miss Anna S. Danielson immigrated also to our good Unites States - also from Sweden to Hildreth. They were quietly married in the year 1889. They were both baptized and confirmed in the Klamer Lan Church (Swedish Lutheran Church) where they were both members. They attended the M.E. Church there at Hildreth as there was no Swedish Church there. The Anderson family had 5 children: Elmer, August, Hattie, Arnold and Alice.

The family of Anderson's decided South Dakota was a good place to live, so in February, 1910, they moved to what is Hecla, South Dakota. Here they lived for about 3 years. In 1913, they moved to 12 miles west of Frederick, South Dakota.

In the 20's, Alice visited her sister, Hattie, who was living at Guelph at that time. She became acquainted with a fine gentleman by the name of Carl Grady. On July 24, 1926, they were married at Aberdeen, South Dakota. They settled on a farm near Guelph, and have resided there since. Carl was very active in church and school and education and all good improvements that could be made in a community to make it a better place to live. He was a charter member of the M.E. Church at Guelph, and attended it faithfully for many, many years. Carl Grady passed away November 21, 1967.

To this union, one son Earl was born September 7, 1935. He attended Guelph grade school, also high school from which he graduated in 1953. He farmed in partnership with his father for several years. He did semi-trucking for Melroe one summer. Then, he has driven the school bus for several years, and also has worked for neighbors for several years.



Earl Grady

MICHAEL & JULIANA SMITH GRADY



Jake and Evelyn Grady

Michael Grady and Juliana Klara Smith Grady, together with their 6 children, set sail via the Odessa from Germany in 1893. They settled on the prairie homestead near Guelph, N.D., or northwest of Guelph. But before landing here, they stayed with her sister and family in Carson City, Wisconsin.

They arrived in the spring of 1893, and Juliana passed away July 9 of that same year. She either died of pnuemonia or the drinking water, as there were no wells of water in those days. She was only 36 years old when she died, and is buried in the Ludden cemetery. She was truly a lovely lady.

She left six children, who were then scattered. They were: Mary, about 16; Louise, 12; Jake, 11; Carl, about 9; Agusta, 7; and Emil, 3. The two oldest, Mary and Louise, worked some in the Guelph area. Later, the oldest, Mary, about 16, and Louise, about 12, moved into Ellendale, N.D. and took care of Agusta and Emil. Mary started working for the Gear's at Ellendale. I believe the Gear's owned and operated the hotel at that time. Jake Grady worked on the Dennison farm for several years. Carl Grady worked on the Thatcher farm for several years.

A few years later, Mary Grady married Jake Pahl, and they established a bakery there in Ellendale for a while. They then moved to Groton, South Dakota, and operated a bakery there. A few years later, they moved to Detroit, Michigan, and operated a bakery there successfully.

Later, Louise and husband also moved to Groton where they owned and operated a grocery store. This left Agusta and Emil a place to work, and help earn their way as they went to school, etc. Agusta was a part-time telephone operator; after her schooling, she became a full-time operator. Jake Grady worked for a few years at Groton, at the bakery, learning the bakery trade quite well.

An item taken from the **Dickey County Leader** of November 26, 1908: Jake Grady of Groton spent a few days with his brother Carl at T.H. Thatchers. He is looking for a location for putting in a bakery and thinks favorably of Edgeley.

In 1911, Jake Grady started farming with his brother, Carl Grady at Guelph. Some years were good, and some were not so good. Prices were not very good, and he did not like the cold weather of North Dakota in the winter times. So, in the year of 1926, Jake left for Eugene, Oregon, where his sister Louise (Mrs. Ira Perkins) lived. Ira and Louise owned and operated a grocery store also; in Eugene Agusta accompanied them and worked as a telephone operator. Jake Grady again went to work at the bakery there in Eugene--which seemed to be his chosen profession. There he met a girl by the name of Evelyn Casad who later became his wife. After their marriage, Evelyn decided to take up further education and prepare herself to carry on the work in life that she would need to do if she was left alone. Jake retired from the bakery in a few years. He passed away in May 1968. Evelyn, his wife, still lives in Eugene, Oregon.

Emil Grady worked at various jobs while at Groton, South Dakota, getting his education. At the drugstore where he learned Chemistry, which he seemed to be interested in, he was very well liked, so he did very well in his training. To further his education in chemistry, he decided to attend college at Valparaiso, Indiana. He graduated from school with high honors, and thus became a good chemist. He was employed by Ford Motor Company, and worked at Dearborn, Michigan, for some time. He later moved to Detroit, Michigan. While in Valparaiso, Indiana, he married a fine girl by the name of Grace Maines. To this union a lovely son was born - Jack Grady, who now lives in Arizona. When Emil and Grace Grady retired, they moved to Santa Barbara, California, where they lived for about 10 years. They then moved to Arizona to be near their son, Jack.

Michael and Juliana Grady left a very supportive group of children - very brilliant and industrious in life. Some lived to be 92 years and older.

WILLIAM C. & MARY GREENAWALD

William was born in Milwaukee, Wis. in Oct., 1860 and died in 1920.

Mary Krause was born in Germany in 1863 and came with her parents, the John Krause's to Wisconsin and settled at Two Rivers. She was one of the youngest of 12 children.

William and Mary Krause were married in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in 1883. That same year they came to Dakota Territory, disembarking with their possessions at Ellendale and located on a claim 1½ miles northeast of Ludden. (NW ¼ of Section 5-129-

59). Theirs was the typical pioneer home of that day with a sod house, twisted hay for fuel and oxen to pull their conveyance. The two older children, Lillian and Frances were born in the sod house. A frame house was later built which still stands on the homestead. Their grandson, Robert Stearns now resides on the same homestead.

Five children were born to them, namely: Lillian, born 1884, married Paul Springel August 1904. They had 4 children.

Frances, born 1887, married Edward Donley October 1904. They had 9 children.

Isabel, born 1892, married Earl Stearns October 1911. They had 3 children. (Refer to Earl Stearns story).

Emily, born 1894. She died at 14 years of age in Oakes Hospital. She had appendicitis.

Willie, born 1902, married Kathryn Alkofer. They had 1 child.

The parents and all Greenawald children have passed away but the grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great great-grandchildren and great great great-grandchildren number nearly one hundred.

ADAM AND ALICE (OLSON) GROSS



Adam and Alice Gross and family
From left to right: Clarence, Alice, Adam, and Larry (Back row)
Tom, Joy, and Merle (Front row)

Alice Esther Olson was born in 1918 to Arthur and Hattie Anderson Olson of Guelph, North Dakota, and attended grade school and graduated from Guelph High School in 1936, the first 4 year graduating class of Guelph. Other classmates were Hugh Norton, Dorothy Pagenkopf, and Rosalie Schwarting.

Alice had 3 sisters and 1 brother: Ruth, Phyllis, Eleanor, and Phillip. Her father was the depot agent in Guelph having come in 1915 and served for 20 years.

She married Adam Gross November 12, 1940, the son of Andrew and Christine Braun Gross. They have 5 children: Clarence, Thomas, Merle, Joy and Larry.

Mr. Gross was a supervisor for the Northern Pacific Railway Co. but is now retired. Mr. and Mrs. Gross live in Missoula, Montana.

CARL AND THERESA GROTELUESCHEN



The Carl Grotelueschen Family

Carl, the son of George and Helene Grotelueschen, was born January 20, 1899, in Creston, Nebraska. He married Theresa Cook, the daughter of Joe and Celia Cook of Humphrey, Nebraska, on August 25, 1925. She was born May 16, 1907, at Emerick, Nebraska. They moved to North Dakota in 1941 and settled on a farm near Ludden.

They had 2 sons and 2 daughters born to them.

Ray married Norma Maki of Ludden March 26, 1951 at the home of Ted Pickerine. They live on a farm near Ludden. They have 2 daughters, Gayle and Linda and a son, Lee.

Wayne married Lucille Getty, December 26, 1957, in St. John's Lutheran Church in Hecla, South Dakota. They live on a farm near Ludden. They have 2 daughters, Karma and Tami.

Janet married LeRoy Staudinger of Ludden, September 26, 1953 (See LeRoy Staudinger history).

Fern married Leslie Hansen of Oakes. They live in Bismarck, N.D. They have one son, Kenneth.

Mr. Grotelueschen had 3 brothers, Bill (deceased), George and Otto (deceased) of Ludden and 2 sisters, Alma Polmateer of Colorado and Mame Jackson (deceased).

Mrs. Grotelueschen had one sister, Rosie Bruckner and 4 brothers - John, Joe, Frank, and Vincent.

Carl passed away at the Oakes Hospital in 1950. He had cancer. His wife still lives in her home and cares for herself.

After Carl's father passed away, his wife Helene and his brother Otto, moved from Creston, Nebraska, to North Dakota and lived southeast of Ludden. Helene has passed away, and Otto also.

GEORGE AND CLARA GROTELUESCHEN



George and Clara Grotelueschen (1980)

George and Clara Grotelueschen came to Ludden in 1956 from Humphrey, Nebraska. They bought the Ed Fuller farm, SW¼ of Sec. 17-129-60, in 1957.

They bought a house on the state line just across the James River from Daniels and moved it on their farm in 1964. George retired in 1976 from farming. Clara passed away in 1980 but George still lives on the farm renting out his land. They never had any children.

RAY GROTELUESCHEN

Ray Grotelueschen was born January 20, 1929, at Creston, Nebraska to Carl and Theresa Cook Grotelueschen. When he was about 11, the family moved to the Ludden area and purchased a farm there.

On March 27, 1951, he married Norma Maki at Hecla, S.D. In the fall of 1951 they purchased their farm from Art West southeast of Ludden.

They have three children: Gayle is married to Byron Korus from Denhoff, N.D. and they reside at Morton, Illinois. They have 2 daughters: Nikkolette and Marissa.

Linda is married to Tom Larson of Park River, N.D. They have no children and live in Oakland, California.

Lee is married to Cindy Mogard of Britton, S.D. and they live on the farm southeast of Ludden. They have 2 children, James and Kristine.

WAYNE & LUCILLE GROTELUESCHEN



Wayne, Janet, Fern and Ray Grotelueschen

Wayne, the son of Carl and Theresa Cook Grotelueschen was born in Humphrey, Nebraska, April 19, 1931. His father is deceased and his mother lives near him in the Ludden area. He has two sisters, Fern Hansen and Janet Staudinger and one brother Ray.

Wayne married Lucille Getty on Dec. 26, 1957. She was born May 21, 1938 to Frank and Ruth Peterson Getty at Hecla, S.D. Both are deceased. Ruth has one brother, Leighton Getty.

Wayne and Lucille are farmers and live on Sec. 2, Lot A in Lovell Township along the river strip. They have 2 daughters. Karma Lynne married Randy Pfeifer of Oakes on June 27, 1980 and they now reside in Warrenville, Illinois; and Tami Jo.

WILLIAM AND OTTO GROTELUESCHEN

William (Bill) Grotelueschen was born at Creston, Nebraska, in 1893. In March 1929, he moved to the Hecla area and worked on farms. In the early 1930, he moved to Lovell Township and farmed east and south of Ludden.

He brought his mother, Helene, and brother, Otto, from Creston, Nebraska, in 1936. They bought a farm in Lovell Township - NE¼ of Section 19-128-59 where they lived until Helene passed away in 1957. Otto lived on the farm until he passed away March 23, 1983.

Bill bought a farm south of Ludden where he lived until 1949 when a fire destroyed the house. He bought



Bill Grotelueschen house in Ludden backyard (1962)

a house in Ludden where he lived but still farmed. In 1973 he moved to Oakes where he lived until his death, March, 1982. Neither one ever married.

Bill was known as the Corn King in the late 1930's and early 1940's for the amount of corn he raised and sold some for seed.



Corn cribs of the Corn King

PETER AND HILDA HAAPALA

Peter Haapala was born Oct. 8, 1871, in Puolanga, Finland. He left his homeland and came to Hibbing, Minnesota and then to Frederick in 1900. There he married Hilda Karolina Laho, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Laho of Ada township. She was born in Kemi, Finland in 1875.

Nine children were born to them. Aili, born in 1902, died January 11, 1918.

Arthur, born 1903, married Hilda Ivarie and lived in Ludden. Two children were born to them, Eugene and Evelyn. Arthur died August, 1943. His widow and children moved to Brush Prairie, Wash. where she found employment.

Wendla, born in 1905, died January 28, 1929.

Esther, born 1907, died May 13, 1926.

Arvid, born in 1909, served in the army signal corps battalion in North Africa, 1942-45. He is deceased.

Lillian (Mrs. Harvey Peterson) born in 1910, died in Portland, Oregon November 13, 1946.

Howard, born in 1912, single, died in a car accident December 3, 1938.

Ben, born in 1915, married Esther Maki and lived in Ludden. They have two children, Beverly and James. Ben passed away in 1974. Esther passed away March 8, 1982.

Carl (See Carl Haapala history).

Mr. Haapala married again in 1921 to Sofia Karvonen, who was born in Weteli, Finland, in 1873 and came to this locality in 1898. They farmed near Ludden for several years where Mr. Haapala passed away in 1949 and Sofia passed away December 4, 1949.

AL AND BETTY (MEYERS) HAAS

I came to Guelph in March of 1955 to fill the position as 1st and 2nd grade teacher, when Mrs. Roland Waite resigned to await the arrival of their first baby. The next 2 years I taught in Edgeley and married Al Haas, June 6, 1956. We moved to Aberdeen where I taught and Al finished his B.S. in business and was employed at Farmers and Merchants Bank. Our children, Mike, Tim, and Susan were born in Aberdeen. I had a nursery school in my home for a few years. In 1971 we moved to Bismarck where Al was employed in a First National Bank and I taught at Shiloh Christian School. He is now administrator of the Baptist Home in Bismarck.

KNUTE & MAE HAGEN

Knute Andrew (Knud Anders) was born Aug. 17, 1874, in Vang, Valdres, Norway, the son of Anders Knudsen Jevnehagen and Ingeborg Knudsdatter Tvedteie. The family came to America by way of Liverpool on the vessel "Ultonia" in the spring of 1883. They settled in Iowa. Knute and his brother-in-law, Sever Vold, went into partnership in a grocery store in Tenold, Iowa.

Knute came to North Dakota in 1902 to visit his cousin Ove Knudson. He liked it here. In 1904 he heard the store in Silverleaf was for sale due to the death of the owner, Mr. Thompson. He sold his holdings in the store in Iowa, and he and his brother Lewis, bought the Silverleaf store. In 1905 he returned to Osage, Iowa, and married Carolyn Mae Gall, the daughter of Alonzo



Mae & Knute Hagen

and Lydia Weaver Gall. They had originally lived in Fulton Co., N.Y. and had moved to near Rochelle, Ill. where Mae was born May 10, 1889.

Mae and Knute's sister, Anna (who later married Peter Begin) came to Silverleaf in the early spring of 1906. The original store burned down, and the Hagens rebuilt again. The store was later run by the "Farmers".

The Hagens farmed and intermittently ran the post office and bought cream.

They had 10 children and also raised James Bensley, who now lives in Lamont, Ok. Their first child, Lawrence Arnold (deceased) married Frances Barsness. Their children are: Larry, Donna, Janice, Robert, Norman, Dennis, Dolly and Rosemary.

Next was Myrtle Nelly, unmarried, and now living in Ellendale.

Third, Evelyn May married John Yuhl (deceased). They have 3 children: Patricia, Gerald and Clarence. Evelyn lives in Port Angelos, Wn.

Leonard Alonzo married Ruth Ellsworth. They live in Ellendale and have 2 sons, Boyd and Lance.

Roland Knute married Inza Moore. They live in Kalamazoo, Michigan and have 3 children -- Viva, Vicky, and Robin.

Max Vernon married Ruby Hicks. They live in Ellendale and have no children.

Marjorie Helen married Lloyd Cox. They live in Blackduck, Mn. and have 4 daughters: Jean, Diane, Cheryl, and LeeAnne.

Donald Charles (deceased) married Cordelia Abbott. They had 2 girls, Karen and Cheryl Annamay.

Betty Jane married Jake Aman. They live in Marysville, Wn. They have no children.

Knute passed away in 1966, but Mae still lives in Silverleaf on the home place, but in a second house as the first one was destroyed by fire. She has now sold her place to her grandson Lance.

CARL AND MARY HAIKKILA



Carl and Mary Haikkila

Carl was born Dec. 20, 1889 in Finland. He came to the Gackle, N.D. area in 1913. There he met a pretty young lady "Mary" the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Nickila, born June 14, 1887. Her parents had come to Gackle in 1880 and homesteaded about 4 miles southwest of Gackle. Carl and Mary were married in 1914. They farmed several years on the old homestead of her parents. In 1927 they moved to Ludden, N.D., where they farmed the old Oscar Hirvi place on the banks of the James River one mile west of Ludden.



Ben and Esther Haikkila on their 35th Wedding Anniversary

Three sons were born to them. Ben, who married Esther, the daughter of a former North Dakota pioneer family, live in Usk, Washington. Ben, in the 1940's, worked as a supervisor of ship outfitting 13th Naval District and a machinist welder later. The last 20 years he has worked in mining with his son, presently General Manager of Silver King Mining Co. of Usk, Washington. Ben and Esther have one son, Norman.

The second son is married and lives at Chelan, Washington. Ted has been in business most of his life. In the late years he has been operator-owner of a hotel at Lake Chelan, Washington. He is a World War II veteran, having served in Burma, India area. They have a son, Ted, Jr. and a daughter, Evelan.



Roy and Delores Haikkila on their 40th Wedding Anniversary

Roy, the third son, is married and lives in Astoria, Oregon. He is a World War II veteran. He landed at Normandy Beach and is the holder of the Purple Heart. After the war he has been working in many trades -- logging, machinist, welding, and mining with his brothers. At present he is working as marine propeller expert for Northwest Propeller Works of Astoria, Ore. They have 3 daughters, Diane, Marlene and Yvonne and a son, Danny.

Mary relates an interesting episode from her childhood. "One day early, a U.S. Cavalry rider came riding by their place and told her father to load everything in wagons as quickly as possible and go south. They worked day and night loading their belongings. Horses were already hooked, "kids" in the wagon. Then comes the rider again and says take everything back in the house again, for the U.S. Cavalry has repelled the Sioux, who were on the war path headed your way. There seems to be no more danger of attack."

MURRAY AND RUTH HAMMOND

Ruth Olson was born July 12, 1921 to Arthur and Hattie (Anderson) Olson of Guelph, North Dakota. She has 1 brother, Phillip, of Sierra Vista, Arizona, and 3 sisters, Phyllis Olson of Mitchell, South Dakota; Eleanor (Mrs. Gene Taggatz) of Excelsior, Minnesota; and Alice (Mrs. Adam Gross) of Missoula, Montana.

Ruth married Gerald Soper December 12, 1969 and later married Murray Hammond in August of 1974. They have no children.

ARNOLD A. AND GLADYS HANKEL



Arnold and Gladys Hankel (1976)

Arnold August Hankel was born July 24, 1907 at Danube, Mn. the fourth son of August and Bertha Hankel. He started school in Renville, Mn. but finished the grades in Guelph when his family moved there.

He helped his dad on the farm until 1929 when he went to Grant, Nebraska and worked on a wheat farm. There he met and married Gladys Virginia Able on March 28, 1936. Gladys was born July 31, 1913 at Victoria, Virginia.

They returned to the Ludden area to farm and resided here until 1948 when they returned to Grant, Nebraska where Arnold worked at a Service Station for two years, then as a John Deere Partsman and John Deere Implement Manager.

Arnold and Gladys have a daughter, Carol (Mrs. Gary Weers), and two grandchildren.

Arnold has a natural gift for music and played both the violin and banjo well. Gladys has worked as a dental assistant and sales lady. Both are active in the First Lutheran Church at North Platte.

In 1959 they moved to North Platte, Nebraska where Arnold has worked as a bookkeeper since 1970. This is where they reside today.

AUGUST F. HANKEL



August and Bertha Hankel

August F. Hankel, the son of Robert and Sophia Hankel, was born August 6, 1877 at Seward, Nebraska. At the age of 22 he moved with his family to Rennville County, Minnesota. On May 8, 1901 he married Bertha Kemnitz, who was born on October 10, 1882 in East Prussia, Germany. She had come to America in 1888 with her parents, Joseph and Augusta Kemnitz, who then settled in the Danube, Minnesota area.

In March, 1916, August came by freight train with machinery and horses to Ludden, N.D. where he had rented 2 quarters of land 2 miles east of Ludden (NE¼-S9-129-59) from a Mr. Taylor. His wife, Bertha, and 8 children left at the same time by passenger train and arrived 2 days earlier. At Aberdeen, S.D. she met a man on board who asked her where she was going alone with her 8 children. When she said "Ludden, N.D." he was surprised, as he was Lee Samson and owned a grocery store there.

Ludden was a booming town at this time with many businesses there. It was common to catch the train at the Great Northern-Northwestern junction 1 mile north of Ludden to attend business or shop in Ellendale.

The fall of 1919 Mrs. Taylor, after the death of her husband, raised the rent so the Hankel's moved to a farm 1 mile west and 1 mile north of Guelph (SE¼-S25-130-61), the present Rudy Sell farm. There they bought a ½ section and rented more land from Lon Puffer. They farmed with horses, and ran 3 grain binders. In 1924 they had a bumper crop so they sold their farm and bought the one they had originally been on near Ludden, because there were no rocks on the land and more hayland available. At this time the family consisted of 10 children (another daughter was born at Ludden) and the young sons remembered using 4 teams with 2 triple grain boxes and 2 hayracks to haul their belongings to their new home. They made 1 trip a day, taking all fall to move. They especially remembered reshoveling all the grain from the granaries into the grain boxes, then off again at the new farm!

August was a good horseman and had good farming equipment. He farmed a section of land, ran 100 head of cattle and had a lot of hayland near the sandhills. They also raised hogs and chickens. Hunting was a favorite sport, and there was wild life in abundance, especially ducks and prairie chickens.

Bertha and August were active members of St. John's Lutheran Church in Oakes and all 11 children were confirmed there.

Mr. and Mrs. Hankel retired in 1947 and moved to Oakes, N.D. where they lived until their deaths. August died November 30, 1956, and Bertha, March 9, 1967.

Their children and present addresses are as follows:

Edwin Clarence Walter - 8-9-1903--Oakes, N.D.

Willard Ervin - 10-22-1904--Oakes, N.D.

George Henry - 12-31-1905--293 Main Ave., Oakes, N.D.

Arnold August - 7-24-1907--1615 West 2nd, North Platte, Nebraska, 69101.

Florence Esther (Triplett) - 3-20-1909--Annandale, Mn. 55302

Ada Lilah (Barth) - 1-13-1911--died 9-19-1944

Alice Adeline (Sandberg) -5-4-1912--314 So. 8th St., Aberdeen, S.D. 57401

Raymond Lloyd - 10-20-1915--Oakes, N.D. 58474

Leslie Robert - 4-19-1917--Lisbon, N.D. 58054

Henry Albert - 9-13-1923--14 So. 10th St., Oakes, N.D. 58474

Gladys Bertha (Felix) - 2-19-1926--108 So. High St., Aberdeen, S.D. 57401

ED AND THELMA HANKEL



Ed and Thelma Hankel

Ed Hankel was born August 9, 1903 to Bertha and August Hankel at Olivia, Minnesota. He moved to North Dakota in 1916 to a farm near Ludden, N.D., later moved to Guelph and back to Ludden where he received his education and farmed with his Dad until he married Thelma Huber. She was born to Jacob and Leah Huber, December 29, 1907 near Glover and taught school until they were married in July 1933. She had one

sister, Mrs. Ivan Shafer of McAllen, Texas, and a brother, Bill Huber of Oakes. They had no children.

He has nine brothers and sisters, Willard, George, Ray and Henry of Oakes, Leslie of Lisbon, Florence of Annandale, Minnesota, Alice and Gladys of Aberdeen, S.D. and Arnold of North Platte, Nebraska. Ada is deceased.

They farmed in Lovell Township for 10 years and then moved to Riverdale Township where they have resided for 32 years before retiring to Oakes. Along with farming he was weigh master for the Oakes Livestock Auction for 28 years and Township Clerk of Riverdale for 25 years.

The incident he remembers so well while living in the Guelph area occurred when as a teen ager, along with two of his brothers, Willard and George, they went to a church party at Charlie Maddock's in their Dad's 1918 Model T. Ford with the top down. As he drove into the yard and turned around to park, he drove right into the wash line, and broke the windshield all to pieces. George was in the back seat and the line took his hat off. Needless to say they were lucky. Going home after the party to tell dad what happened wasn't easy for him that night either. His father understood and had a new windshield put in the next day.

GEORGE & ROSALIA HANKEL



George and Rosalia Hankel

George Henry Hankel, the son of August and Bertha Hankel, was born December 31, 1905 at Olivia, Mn. He moved with his family from Minnesota to a farm east of Ludden, N.D. (NE¼-S9-129-59) at the age of 10. In 1919 he moved with his family to a farm 1 mile west and 1 mile north of Guelph (SE¼-S25-130-61), the present Rudy Sell farm. George attended school in Guelph and finished the 8th grade there. The fall of 1924 the family moved back to the farm they had originally been on near Ludden, and George and his brothers helped their dad with the farming. For entertainment they went to many house parties and dances. The Hankel's were a very musical family as several of the children could play musical instruments. George learned to play by ear the banjo, accordion and harmonica. He and his brothers played for a few barn dances in the area.

George bought his first car, a Model T Roadster for $100., when he was 21 years old. In February of 1927 he drove to Hampton, Neb., taking 2 long days, to work on a farm there for $50. a month, until July through harvest when he received $100. His brother, Arnold, came down to help during harvest. After harvest the 2 brothers drove out to Denver, Colorado to do some sightseeing for about a month, then returned to Nebraska for a short while before coming home to Ludden. The return trip in November was rather cold with no heater in the car, so the boys drilled a hole below the dash and put a cover on the manifold so the fan would blow some heat into the car. The next year George traded his Model T for a fancy Whippet Coupe!

Upon returning to Ludden, George worked for Lee Samson in his grocery store for about 3 years before renting land to farm on his own.

In 1930 George bought his first new car, a Model A, 4-door sedan for $550.

On March 20, 1935, he married Rosalia Ella Anna Wolfgram Frederick at St. John's Lutheran Church in Oakes. Rosalia was born November 15, 1911 in Clintonville, Wis. and moved with her parents, Emil and Mathilda Frederick, and family, to N.D. at the age of seven. Rosalia graduated from Monango High School and also attended Ellendale N.I. college. She was employed at the Lambert's Variety Store at the time of their marriage.

Their first home was on the farm where George had been batching, 1 mile east and 1 mile north of Ludden (SW¼-S33-130-59). This farm was owned or rented by Hankel's for over 60 years, with Ed Hankel most recently living on it from 1943-1976. Drought and cut worms forced them to sell out and in 1938 George, Rosalia and 2 daughters, Darlene and Sharon, moved to Oakes where George worked in the Outlaw Store for Oliver Blazer for about a year before he accepted the manager job of the National Tea Store. Their son, Ronald, was born in Oakes in Sept. of 1938.

But the love of farming remained in their hearts so in 1939 they bought a farm 5 miles south of Oakes, across from the Riverdale School (NW¼-S21-130-59). Many people said they wouldn't make it on that sand hill, but with hard work, tree planting and strip farming they provided a good home and life for their family which had grown to 7 children with the births of Gweneth, twins-Dennis and Donnel, and Marcia Jean. One son, David, died as an infant of two weeks.

While on the farm they raised Registered Angus cattle, and spotted horses, or horses of any kind, which were George's special interest.

George and Rosalia were active members of St. John's Lutheran Church in Oakes and in community activities. George was a director of the Soil Conservation District Committee for over 25 years.

In 1972 they retired from farming and moved to Oakes, N.D. where they continued to be active in church work and other activities. They enjoyed their 27 grandchildren, walking and visiting shut-ins. They also did some traveling. In 1982, at the age of 77, George bicycled 760 milies, and still loves to dance and square dance.

Rosalia passed away on August 3, 1980, but George continues to live at 293 Main Ave., Oakes, N.D.

Their children are: Mrs. Lynn (Darlene) West,

Aberdeen, S.D.; Mrs. Elmer (Sharon) Boniek, Holly, Mich.; Ronald, LaMoure, N.D.; Mrs. Marvin (Gweneth) Hansen, Guelph, N.D.; Donnel, Brandon, S.D.; Dennis, Oakes, N.D.; Mrs. Gareth (Marcia) Clausen, College Place, Wa.

LESLIE AND LUELLA HANKEL

Leslie was the sixth son, ninth child, born to August and Bertha Hankel on April 19, 1917 at Ludden, N.D.

He attended first grade at Guelph and then went to the grade school in Lovell township near his home when his family moved east of Ludden.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1942 to 1945, being on active duty in the South Pacific, Guadalcanal, North Solomon Islands, Philippines, and a rest period in New Zealand.

On June 18, 1947 he married Luella Eusher from Stirum, N.D. area. They farmed the "home" place near Ludden after his parents retired, but in 1950 they moved to Bale Township, Ransom County, Lisbon, N.D. where they are farming today.

They have three children: Janet, Myron and Allan.

RAYMOND AND MARTHA HANKEL



Ray and Martha Hankel

Raymond L. Hankel, son of August and Bertha Kemnitz Hankel, was born in Danube, Minnesota, October 20, 1915. He lived near Guelph 4 years and attended the first and second grades in Guelph. Then the family moved to a farm east of Ludden where he attended grades 3 through 8 in a country school east of Ludden. He has 6 brothers - Ed, Willard, George and Henry of Oakes, Arnold of North Platte, Neb. and Leslie of Lisbon and 3 sisters - Florence Triplett of Annandale, Mn., Alice Sandberg and Gladys Triplett, both of Aberdeen, S.D.

Ray married Martha Glaser of Marion, N.D. on March 24, 1943, in St. John's Lutheran Church of Oakes. Martha, the daughter of August and Nettie Lauf Glaser, was born March 3, 1922. They lived on a farm ½ mile east and ½ mile south of Ludden. They have 2 daughters, Raetta Lou, who married William Mirgain of Fargo on September 18, 1965 and Marene Kay who married Craig Wood of Coldwater, Michigan, on September 26, 1971. Mr. Hankel is a farmer and rancher, having registered Angus cattle and Yorkshire hogs but is sem-retired now and living in Oakes.

WILLARD & MARIE HANKEL

Written by Willard Hankel



Willard and Marie Hankel

The August Hankel family moved to a farm NW of Guelph on the farm presently occupied by the Rudy Sell family. This was in the fall of 1919. The family consisted of Father, Mother, and nine children. Henry was born in the fall of 1920. Seven of these children attended Guelph school. Miss Nellie Howard was the grade teacher at that time. Part of the time we walked to school, but in the winter we drove a team of horses hitched to a covered buggy. When the snow got deep we had runners to put on in place of the wheels.

We farmed four quarters of land, all done with horses. We had three grain binders with which we harvested the grain. My brothers and I did most of the shocking.

Roy Thomas and his crew threshed the grain one year. Ed and I worked with this outfit. Schwarting and Newmans crew did the threshing a few years. The threshing was done with steam power, with 12 or 14 bundle racks, a cook car and a bunk car. These were pulled with the rig from farm to farm and left right out in the field where the threshing was done.

In the fall of 1924 we moved to a farm two miles east of Ludden, which my folks purchased. My sister Gladys was born there in the spring of 1926.

On January 10, 1934 I married Marie Kilzer, daughter of Jacob and Minnie Kilzer of Oakes, N.D. and we started farming on a farm one and a half miles east of Ludden. All of the farm work was done with horses. 1934 was a very dry year. We didn't have very many head of livestock, but it was hard to find enough feed for them.

1935 was a little better as we had more rain. In June of this year we were blessed with a baby girl, but we were deeply saddened when just two months later the good Lord took her home to Himself. She got pneumonia and passed away in just a short time.

1936 was another dry year. We cut thistles for hay for the livestock. We had 50 or 60 pigs and no feed. A trucker from Minnesota stopped by and we sold these pigs to him. He paid us 1¢ a pound; they weighed 40 or 50 lbs.

In the fall and winter of 1934 and 1935 we boarded Miss Alice Craig from Oakes who taught the country school two and one half miles east of Ludden. We were paid three dollars per week for room and board.

In the fall and winter of 1936 and 1937 Mr. and Mrs. LaRoy Bobzien of Ellendale stayed with us. Mr. Bobzien taught in the same school. They paid us one dollar per day for room and board. The monthly salary for teachers at that time was $50. per month. The roads were blocked almost all winter. Some weekends the Bobziens would walk to the Great Northern railroad tracks and stop the train so they could spend the weekend with their folks in Ellendale.

In the spring of 1937 we moved to a farm in Riverdale Township that we had rented. Lots of mud and bad roads that spring.

In May of this year our oldest son, Wayne was born. We had a fairly good crop that year and all of the years since have been good years. We bought this farm in 1945, plus a quarter of land in Sec. 15. We have made quite a few improvements since we lived here. The change from horses to tractors was made a few years before this.

All of our children, consisting of four boys, Wayne, Daryl, Marvin and Lyle, and one girl, Elaine, were born and raised on this farm. The boys are all married and have families of their own. We have 13 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. Our daughter is a Registered nurse in the U.S. Navy. She lives in Virginia and is not married.

In 1974 our youngest son, Lyle, decided to get married so we sold the farm to him and built a house a quarter of a mile north of the home place. This is where we live at the present time.

Looking back we have had our ups and downs, but life has been good to us and we wouldn't trade farm life for anything else in the world.

ALLEN AND MARY HANSEN



The Allen Hansen Family

Allen and Mary Hansen (nee Younge) were married Dec. 10, 1960. Prior to this time Allen had grown up on a farm 4 miles south and 1 mile east of Guelph as the son of Franklin and Mable Hansen. He was the second of 6 children, the others being Marvin, Larry, Paul, Virginia and Barbara. Allen attended 2 years in country school and the remainder in Guelph and graduated from Guelph High School in 1958.

Mary was raised on a farm 3 miles south of Thornton Iowa, the second of 5 children born to Luther and Margaret Younge. Three brothers, Gary, Robert and Ronald and one sister, Barbara, kept the home lively. Mary took all of her schooling in Thornton.

Upon graduation from high school in 1958 both Allen and Mary entered Bethany Lutheran College in Mankato, Mn. where they both graduated 2 years later with an A.A. degree in business.

Allen and Mary began farming south of Guelph. In 1973 the family, which by this time included 5 children, moved to a farm 1 mile north of Ludden where they began using irrigation in their farming operation. In 1981 the family moved to a farm 6 miles south of Oakes where they continue to farm.

Allen and Mary's children include Vickie, 21, a senior at NDSU in Fargo majoring in Ag. Economics, Lisa, 20, a sophomore at NSC in Aberdeen, S.D. majoring in education, Jonathan, 17, a senior at Oakes High School, Philip, 14, a freshman at Oakes High and Stephen, 11, in 6th grade at Guelph.

CHRIS A. HANSEN

Except for short visits, I left Guelph in 1932 and after more than a half century, my recollections of growing up in Dickey County are most pleasant. The only really unpleasant memory is the drought of 1931 (?) when the huge black clouds of dust closed in on us in a most terrifying way - blotting out the sun and filling every space with the fine top soil of the whole mid west. My mother and father never gave up - they always saw the brighter days just over the horizon. God bless them.



Chris and Mary Hansen

Guelph only had a three year high school at that time so I took my last year of high school at the Normal and Industrial School at Ellendale. That was followed by one year of college at NI and three years at NDSU in Fargo where I graduated in Civil Engineering and more importantly, met Mary Elizabeth Runice.

My first professional job was leader of a crew of Engineers who mapped Dickey County farms for the Agriculture Adjustment Administration at Ellendale. Jobs were hard to find so after finishing that work I went to Georgia where I worked with the Department of Public Health in malaria and typhus control--draining swamps, spreading insecticide etc., and later in all phases of public health work. Mary and I were married in 1938 in Albany, Georgia.

1941 was the year I returned to school at the University of North Carolina where I received a Master in Sanitary Engineering. I was commissioned an officer in the U.S. Public Health Service in 1940 and following graduation from the U. of N.C. was assigned to the Communicable Disease Center in Atlanta, Ga. where I remained until 1956. I held many different positions there, the last being the Assistant Chief.

The National Institutes of Health of Bethesda, Md. was my next assignment. As Director of the Division of Research Services I was responsible for new construction, operation of the physical plant and all technical and professional services to the individual institutes. In 1968 I was named Commissioner of the National Environmental Control Administration, the position held until 1971 when I retired from the Public Health Service as Assistant Surgeon General (Rear Admiral).

My work with the Public Health Service was a marvelous and rewarding experience but it was too early to retire so I accepted the Vice Presidency of Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. This was a management job which involved developing an over all master plan for the University, building new facilities and operation of the physical plant. After three years, I retired again and set up a part time Engineering Consultant office. I have now been fully retired for a number of years. We live in West Virginia during the summer and in Sun City West, AZ. during the winter.

In reflection of 50 (plus) years since leaving N.D., I look upon my life and upbringing in Guelph as a very great advantage. The one room school experience, the excellent teachers, the good friends all made a powerful imprint on me. Also the opportunities given me by my parents to assure considerable responsibility at a very young age, the lessons of life from my buddies and neighbors were invaluable to me throughout the half century and to this day.

The joy of our lives are our children and grandchildren. Our daughter, Kristie, is an attorney and Asst. Attorney General for the state of Colorado. Betty manages her family responsibilities and is an English instructor at a local branch of the University in Mass. We hope to get them all back to Guelph, N.D., sometime to see and experience our roots.

Chris is the youngest child of John and Marie Hansen, both of whom were born in Germany. He was born Sept. 17, 1915 at Guelph. He has 4 sisters and 2 brothers. His wife Mary was born Sept. 3, 1915 in Fargo to Elmer and Ruth (Soule) Runice. She has a brother, Robert, and a sister, Maxine.

FRANKLIN & MABLE HANSEN



Franklin and Mable Hansen

Franklin Claus Hansen, son of John A. and Marie C. Hansen, was born Oct. 30, 1912 on the Hansen Farm (NW¼ S29-129-60) which was ¾ mile from his home. Although the Hansens were Lutheran, Frank attended church and Sunday School with his parents at St. Mary's Episcopal Church (SW30-129-60) about 1½ miles southwest of their home. Upon completion of his formal education he stayed home and helped his father on the farm. During this time he developed an interest in purebred livestock and late in 1936 he purchased 2 Shorthorn heifer calves. That year he also purchased his first steel-wheeled Farmall tractor.

He married Mable Leona Eddy September 9, 1937, and after a few months took over the home farm.

Mable, daughter of Samuel Houghton and Lena Roxie (Bushby) Eddy, was born January 19, 1917 on the Lester Guild farm (NW11-127-62) southwest of Hecla, S.D. When she was 2 years old, her folks moved north to the state line on the Getty farm (NE-26-128-61). Mable received her first 5 years of education in the old Liberty Township school (NE-S7-128-61) and her last 3 years in the new school (SW-S5-128-61) which completed her formal education. Since it was the girls in her family that were the oldest, it was her duty to help her Dad outside most of the time. When she decided to get married her mother gave her a 4 month "crash course" on cooking and household duties!

Mable had 3 sisters, Ella, Mrs. Louis Moerke, Edna, Mrs. Charles Gossett, and Hazel, Mrs. Walt Hewitt, and one brother, Delbert Eddy.

After she was married, along with household duties, she helped farm, pick rock and herd cattle, since there were very few fences yet.

Frank and Mable purchased a 6 volt windcharger in 1938 and had electric lights then. Their electrical system was upgraded to a 32 volt system in 1941 and they continued to use that until R.E.A. brought in electrical power.

Frank continued to build his Shorthorn herd into the 1960's, at which time his son, Larry, took over. Frank served on the Port Emma Township Board, Guelph School Board, Guelph Elevator Board, and was a member of the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church at Hecla, S.D. He was very interested in religion and politics.

As their family began to grow, Mable found herself in the house tending to her children and cooking for hired men. She was also active in school, community and church affairs. Mable's love affair with the outdoors never ended. She cared for a big lawn and flower garden on the farm and still spends much time on her yard and flowers in Oakes.

A special interest of hers has been renovating the "Eddy farm" where she grew up after it was purchased by her sons in 1979.

Their children were instructed in the Lutheran religion and were members of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Hecla, S.D. Their children are: Marvin, Allen, Larry, Paul, Virginia (Mrs. Dean Carstensen) and Barbara, (Mrs. Tim Daniels).

Frank and Mable retired from active farming in 1968 and moved to Oakes where they built a new home. Frank died Sept. 6, 1974, and is buried in the Oakes Cemetery. Mable continues to reside in Oakes.

JESS CHRISTIAN AND VIVIAN HANSEN

Jess Christian Hansen was born Jan. 22, 1905, at Olin, Iowa, the oldest son of John A. and Marie C. (Mohr) Hansen. He moved to N.D. with his parents in 1905, arriving by train with his mother when he was about 4 months old. He attended Eaton School #7, District 11, (SW¼-S29-129-60) and attended high



Jess and Vivian Hansen

school in Ellendale. He spent his early years helping his dad on the farm, but his adventurous heart urged him to leave home at the age of 16 to seek his fortune elsewhere. He spent the next few years traveling and working at various jobs throughout N.D., Iowa, S.D., Washington and California.

He met and married Vivian Amy Clifgard July 14, 1931 at San Diego, Ca. They have two children, Dean Rex and Diana Marie, (twins) born Mar. 25, 1932 at San Diego, Ca.

Dean is married and has 3 sons and 1 daughter. They live in Simi Valley, Ca. Dean works for the Rockedine Corp. which is deeply involved with the U.S. space programs.

Diana is also married, and they have a daughter and a son, who are both married. She and her husband, Edward Smith live at West Covina, Ca.

Jess worked as a hotel waiter in Chicago and Los Angeles. He and his friends often came back to N.D. for hunting expeditions. Jess and Vivian have traveled extensively in the U.S. and also in Europe. Jess is retired and has written his autobiography. They reside at 1235 West Nicolet, Banning, Ca.

JOHN A. AND MARIE HANSEN

John A. Hansen was born April 25, 1876, to Jesse Christian and Marie (Jensen) Hansen, at Nordhockstedt, Germany. His parents had a farm and a blacksmith shop in Germany. John arrived in America in 1892, the day before his sixteenth birthday, with his fourteen year old brother, Hans. Some of their mother's brother's and sister's families (the Jensen's and the Fedderson's) had settled in Olin, Iowa. These relatives had told them of the good opportunities in the U.S.A.

John's older brother, Chris H.P. Hansen, served in the German Army, which was compulsory. The two younger brothers, John and Hans, chose to sail for



John and Marie Hansen

America rather than serve in the German Army. When they arrived in Iowa, they found work with farmers.

In 1901 John went back to Germany to visit his parents. He paid $55 for a return ticket from Onslow, Iowa, to Germany. At that same time his brother, Chris, came to the U.S.A. for the first time at the age of twenty-nine. Their ships passed each other at sea and neither of the boys were aware of it.

On March 18, 1903, John, who was the first of the brothers to marry, married Marie Christiene Mohr at Olin, Iowa. Marie was born May 23, 1879, to Claus Johan and Anna Niemand Mohr in Hemme, Lunden (county), Norderditmarshen, Germany. In 1898 Marie came to Olin, Iowa, with her mother, brother, Claus, and three sisters, Martha, Wilhelmina, Margaret, and niece, Josephine. In Germany they had worked for rich people without much chance of making a better life for themselves. Marie's mother thought it better to come to America where the children had a better chance for a future. Marie's fourth sister, Anna, and Emil Petrusch were married in Germany a few years earlier and came in the group at this time, too.

John and Marie started farming in Olin, Iowa and in 1915 decided to move to N.D. John loaded their three horses, a cow, wagon, buggy, single plow on a box car for Ludden, N.D. where a banker in Iowa by the name of Lohse, owned 2 quarters of land.

John arrived by train at Ludden, N.D. in April of 1905 with his remaining possessions. On May 15, 1905, Marie arrived by train in Ludden with their daughter Elma, born Dec. 17, 1903, and son Jess, born Jan. 22, 1905.

From Ludden it was about 7 miles southwest to the Lohse farm (SW¼-S27-129-60) where they would farm on shares and live. It was here on Feb. 16, 1906, that Johanna Annena was born, their first child in North Dakota. John farmed the Lohse land for a couple of years and in 1907 made a down payment of a quarter of land (SE¼-S28-129-60) west of the land they were renting. During that year another child, Fred, was born, and passed away at birth.

In the summer of 1908 John moved his family onto the land he had bought. It had a small house that was lathed and plastered. He built a barn here with the help of some neighbors. There was a small "dry run" near by which he dug a well beside for water. While living here he made another small down payment on another quarter of land (NW¼-S28-129-60) northwest of the farm he was living on now. This land had a bigger house, 18 x 24 feet and a better farm location. That fall he moved the barn he had built to the northwest quarter. In late winter of 1909 he moved his family there, too. The well was a hole in the ground and water had to be bailed out with a bucket and rope. The house was bigger but the family was growing, too. John's assets had increased slowly, he now had 8 cows, six calves, six horses, and two colts.

In the fall of 1909 Elma and Jess started school at Eaton School #7, District #11 (later changed to Port Emma School #3, District #33), (SW¼-S29-129-60). They had one of the common problems then, they could not speak English. The school records listed Elma as six years and Jess as five years. All of John and Marie's children attended this school.

Ella was born at the new farm and what is now considered the "home place", on July 13, 1910. At the age of 10 she contracted polio and her mother spent many hours caring for her. She went to a rubbing doctor in Ellendale. She massaged her arm and hand with cocoa butter and told her mother to do that also. Ella gained the use of her arm and it was no hindrance to her in doing what she wanted to do in life.

In 1911 John had an Artesian well drilled. Marie had to feed the crew 3 meals a day, plus lunches during the day and midnight meal, too. The crew worked around the clock and it took a month to drill it. Now they had running water in the cattle tank and in the house.

John's crop was hailed out in 1912. He and son, Jess, were haying east of the river about 8 miles, at his brother Hans' farm. They came home on Sunday to see the damage and it was all flat. That evening he went back to his brother's farm and continued making hay for his stock for the coming winter. They were able to save a little of the grain that was hailed out, which was some help to feed the livestock.

On Oct. 30, 1912, John brought home a mid-wife to help Marie. To everyones surprise she delivered twins, Franklin Claus and Frances Josephine. They had quite an attraction at their house for a while!

Marie always had a large garden and they milked cows to sell cream as a source of money for basic food, clothing and general necessities. They were milking 15 to 18 cows and selling cream weekly (a can 8 or 10 gallons) and shipping it to Tilden Produce Co. in St. Paul, Minn. The children were all kept busy with milking cows, chores, farmwork, and herding the cows on vacant land, (that homesteaders got discouraged with and left to go back east). This routine gave the children the incentive to figure out a way to go to high school and have a profession that seemed an easier way of life.

In the spring all the children would hunt gophers in their spare time or when herding cattle. They took a milk pail along to get water from sloughs to drown out the gophers and grab them as they came to the top of the hole. It was the only source the children had to have money of their own. At fifteen cents for a tail, they would each get about four to ten dollars.

The family always looked forward to Christmas at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. John and most all the other farmers in the neighborhood donated money and time to build the church. Most of them were immigrants from Europe and had small children. Catholics, Lutherans and other denominations formed this church which Reverend Martyr promoted. All through their childhood years they went there to Sunday School. Lela Cowley was the organist and Sunday School teacher. She lived her religion and was a model for all to follow. All the neighborhood children were in Lela's Christmas program. Her father, D.T. Cowley, put up a big Christmas tree decorated with tinsel and candies. He passed out a bag of candy for each child and big juicy apples for everyone. Under the trees were piles of gifts that Lela wrapped and put names on for the Sunday School children. They were clothing articles - wool scarves, mittens, tamoshanters, stocking caps, etc. that Ladies Aid members of large churches in the New York area made and sent here. They considered this church a mission.

Shortly after the twins were born, John picked corn on shares with his brother Hans, to help build his feed supply for winter. On his way home he crossed the river on the ice and broke through near the center, losing his corn, part of his sleigh and almost a horse.

In 1914 the First World War started and wheat prices moved up, so in 1915 John went into a partnership on a threshing rig. It was Jess's job to go to town (Ludden) in a horse and buggy to get the groceries for the crew. John's brother Hans was the water-tender for the steam engine. At the end of the season Hans came down with pneumonia and Maria took care of him along with her new born child, Chris, who was born Sept. 17, 1915. Just before Christmas John took Hans to the hospital in Oakes. Two weeks later Hans passed away and was buried in the Oakes cemetery.

Jess remembers the years of 1916 and 1917 as being very wet with farmers cropping the higher land. In mid July John sent son, Jess, about 4 miles north to plow some rented land where they had put up some hay earlier in the summer. To plow that far away from home was a major undertaking. Jess took three horses hamessed, hitched two to a hayrack, took 12 sacks of oats, box of food, including corn flakes, a single plow and a cow. It was too far to go home each day. When he arrived he staked the cow out on a long rope near the slough for water, and loaded the hayrack up with hay to tie the horses to each night. Jess had two blankets and slept under the hayrack each night. He milked the cow twice a day and used the milk with his meals. He plowed about 3 acres per day. During the day his mother would come up in the buggy and bring sandwiches and check on her son. One afternoon a well-dressed man came to the field and asked to be pulled out of a mud hole. Jess drove the plow over to the car and tied a chain on and pulled it out. Jess got fifty cents for his troubles and was thinking that some day he could be dressed like that and have a car. When he was finished plowing he loaded the hayrack with hay, tied the plow behind, loaded his belongings, and then headed home.

It was time to start harvesting and John and son, Jess, were working with the local threshing crews. John's threshing partnership of 1915 only worked for one year. Jess hauled coal each day for the threshing rig in 1918 and 1919, and at the end of the season noticed with apprehension that his time was being deducted from his Dad's threshing bill instead of him getting paid for his time. During threshing time Marie and the girls did the milking and the regular chores around the farm.

Elizabeth (Lilly) Hansen was born in 1919 and passed away shortly after birth.

The storm of 1921 took its toll on the Hansen farm, too. When they saw it coming, Marie and the older girls and small children headed for the basement. The wind kept blowing the door open and John and Jess were busy trying to keep it closed. They finally decided to abandon their efforts and headed for the basement, and none too soon. The wind blew the new part that they had built on in 1916, about 150 feet from the foundation. The old 18 x 24 foot original was moved partially off the foundatin. When Marie had taken the children to the basement young Frank headed for the chimney and held on for dear life. Marie's arms were full with Chris, so the other children had to pull him away. The chimney was directly in the center of the new addition, and had he stayed there he could have been killed when that part of the house was blown away.

By 1926 they had an automobile. Neither John or Marie learned to drive. John was never mechanically inclined and preferred to use horses. The children, however, were eager and enjoyed driving their folks around. It was easier than milking or working in the field.

During the 20's the children started graduating from school and could help around home more. After Frank graduated in 1927 he helped his Dad full time and eventually bought the farm in the late 1930's. During this time John and Marie were able to take life a little easier and finally retired in Oakes, N.D. in 1946. On Sept. 24, 1952, Marie passed away in Oakes, N.D. and was buried in the Oakes Cemetery. John went to live with his daughter, Ella, at the Travis Air Force Base near Vacaville, California. He lived with them for 11 years until he passed away November 15, 1963 at the McCoy home at Stillwater, Oklahoma. He also is buried in the Oakes Cemetery.

LARRY AND NANCY HANSEN

Larry Hansen, son of Franklin and Mable (Eddy) Hansen, grew up on a farm by Guelph, attending the grade and high school there, graduating in 1962. After school, he started farming with his dad and brother, Paul. In 1965, he married Nancy Hvistendahl, the daughter of Dale and Charlotte Hvistendahl. Nancy graduated from Guelph High School in 1962 and



The Larry Hansen Family

attended U.N.D. - Ellendale Branch. They lived about 5 miles south of Guelph on what was known as the old Wilson place (SW¼ S29-129-60) from 1965 to 1974. Children born to them were Martin, Randy, Loren, and Amanda. They also had a foster son, Brian Tanner.

Larry and Nancy and family lived south of Oakes (SW¼ S-25-130-59) from 1974 to 1980. George and Jeff Fredericks became their foster sons during this time and are still with them. On this farm Larry raised cattle and had irrigated crops.

In January of 1981, they moved to Mankato, MN, so their children could attend a Christian school. Larry is currently employed by Lorentz Bus Service. He is a volunteer basketball coach for Immanuel Lutheran School, is on the school board, and sings in the choir. Nancy works part time at Ag. Marketing Services, a farmers' market advisory service. She also is a volunteer for Birthright, and teaches a computer programming class at Immanuel High. The children are involved in choir, basketball, piano, band, gymnastics, and 4-H. Their current address is: Rt. 5, Box 27, Mankato, MN, 56001.

MARVIN & GWENETH HANSEN



The Marvin Hansen Family
Front: Tim, Gwen, Randy Johnson, Marvin
Back: Shelly, Dan, Angela, Becky

Marvin F. Hansen is the oldest son of Franklin and Mable Hansen, born on June 23, 1938. Other children are: Allen, Larry, Paul, Virginia and Barbara. Marvin attended 2 years in Port Emma School #3, District #33 and the remaining years in Guelph, graduating from high school in 1956.

In September, 1956, Marvin joined the Army. During his 33 months in the Army he served as a helicopter mechanic. Most of his time was spent in the U.S., only 4 months was spent at Fort Churchill, Manitoba, on the Hudson Bay.

On June 5, 1960 he married Gweneth Hankel, daughter of George and Rosalia Hankel of Oakes. Gweneth completed 8th grade at the Riverdale Consolidated School and graduated from Oakes High School in 1958. She has 3 sisters, Darlene, Sharon and Marcia, and 3 brothers, Ronald, Dennis and Donnel. She was raised on a farm across the road from the Riverdale School (NW¼-S21-130-59).

After graduation she went to Concordia Teachers College at Seward, Nebraska, for 1 year, then was employed in LaMoure, N.D. in the Register of Deeds Office.

Marv and Gwen have been actively involved in grain and livestock farming southeast of Guelph (SW¼-S28-129-60), specializing in raising turkeys for 19 years--and in treating friends and relatives to delicious barbequed turkey!

Marv has served as a County Farm Bureau Director, on the Township Board and is currently a Guelph Farmers Elevator director and Secretary of the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Hecla, S.D. He enjoys flying and wood work in his spare time. Some of his most enjoyable and satisfying time has been spent on working with the Centennial committee and the Guelph history book.

Gwen has served on the County Farm Bureau Women's Committee and is a leader of the Dakota Workers 4-H Club and Secretary of the County Fair Board. She is a church organist, a member of the Ladies Aid at Prince of Peace, and a member of the SingN'Aires singing group.

Marvin and Gwen's children include Rebecca, 21, a senior at NDSU in Fargo, majoring in Food and Nutrition; Shelly, 20, a junior at NDSU, Fargo, majoring in Fashion Retailing and Textiles; Timothy, 19, a 2nd year student in Diesel Mechanics at the State School of Science in Wahpeton; Angela, 16, a junior at Oakes High School; Daniel, 12, in the 6th grade at Guelph; and Randy Johnson, 8, 2nd grader, a foster child living with them.

PAUL & LINDA FAYE (ANDERSON) HANSEN

I, Linda, was born August 8, 1948, to Frank and Mary Ann (Henningsen) Anderson of Ludden, North Dakota. I have 3 sisters, Shirley Draeger, deceased, Nancy (Mrs. Tim) Rehovsky of Grand Forks, North Dakota, and Brenda Gilbertson, Kathyrn, North Dakota. Paul Chris,



The Paul Hansen Family

son of Frank and Mabel Hansen, was born June 6, 1945. He has 3 brothers, Marvin, Allen, and Larry, and 2 sisters, Virginia Carstensen and Barb Daniels. We were married August 18, 1968, and have 4 children, Jay, Scott, Amy and Rachel. As we are both graduates of Guelph High School, all things pertaining to Guelph and the surrounding area are of interest to us. Since graduating in 1963, Paul has not left Guelph except for 6 months spent in Ft. Leonard, Missouri, at Guard Camp. I graduated in 1966 and lived in Aberdeen for 2 years before getting married in 1968 and moving back to live on the family farm where Paul had spent his entire life. Today we live on the same farm. Paul is farming with his brother, Marvin, and I am a busy housewife with 4 children to raise. I also enjoy being sub rural carrier for the Guelph and Ludden mail routes.

CARL & VIRGINIA HAPALA



Carl and Virginia Hapala

Carl, the son of Peter and Hilda (Laho) Hapala was born in Savo Township on January 6, 1919. He married Virginia Raatz, the daughter of Ronald and Joan Hess Raatz. She was born July 16, 1957 in Valley City.

Carl moved with his parents to the Ludden area where he attended school and when grown worked as a farm laborer. He was injured in a power take-off while hauling hay which resulted in his losing one leg. He was a resident of the Oakes Good Samaritan Home for 6 years. While there, he was very busy in the craft room making wind chimes and articles of wood. He participated 2 different years in the walkathon for diabetes. He walked from Oakes to Ludden using his crutches. He is to be congratulated for his participation.

CLYDE HAUSER, SR.



William and Alice Hauser

William and Alice Hauser, parents of Clyde, were born and raised near Yadkinville, North Carolina. William Hauser was raised on a tobacco plantation where slaves did the work. He married Alice Gray Folger about 1888. To this union 12 children were born, Willie was married to Loring Bond and is deceased, Carl was married to Evalina Farrel and is deceased, Frank was married to Ruth Whitney and is deceased, Robin is married to Lillyan Frith, Florence is married to Lyle Forman, Paul is married to Mabel Folkestad, Clyde is married to Hannah Beck, Louise married Clendon Waite, Margaret married Carl Lien, Glenn was married to Elsie Dennis and is deceased, Howard married Lois Mills and Gene married Viola Branstner.

They moved to North Dakota in March of 1915 and for a while lived on the farm where Tom Pahl now lives and then moved to the farm where Ray Burkhardt lives now.



The Clyde Hauser, Sr. Family

Clyde Hauser, Sr., was born December 4 at New Castle, Indiana. He was married October 1, 1927 to Hannah Beck at Aberdeen, S.D. Hannah Beck was born May 24 at Peterson, Iowa. Clyde and Hannah are the parents of 5 children: Clyde, Jr. a farmer and mechanic first married to Norma Young and then to Alina Gelling. He and Norma adopted 3 children, Gary Hauser, Guelph, Susan Strahm, Duvall, Washington and Gene Hauser, Guelph.

June Hauser, a teacher, is married to Truman Lee Bridwell, and they live in Plainview, Texas. They have 3 children: Sandra Ebling, Robert Bridwell and Richard Bridwell all of Plainview, Texas.

Janeen Hauser is married to Ray Hollan, and they live at Aberdeen, S.D. Janeen is a nurse at St. Lukes Hospital in Aberdeen. They have 4 children: Michael Hollan, Provo, Utah, Roberta Gellhaus, Conde, S.D., Mary Woodford, Kansas City, Mo. and Patti Hollan, Aberdeen, S.D.

Patricia Hauser of Ellendale is married to Jay Kendall. She was a teacher. They own Jays Highway Furniture and she assists in the store. They have 2 sons: Craig Kendall, St. Paul, Minnesota and Douglas Kendall, Ellendale, N.D.

Myrna Wedell of Fort Collins, Colorado is a teacher, married to Allen Wedell. They have 2 children: Joan Kaiser and Brad Wedell both of Fort Collins, Colorado.

Hannah Beck was born at Peterson, Iowa. Her parents were Henry and Mary Beck, born in Denmark. There were 7 children: Helen Trolier, deceased; Christine Potter, Pennsylvania; Walter Beck, Guelph; Hannah Beck Hauser, Guelph; Arthur Beck, deceased; Ruth Sell, Honey Brook, Pennsylvania, and John Beck, deceased.

EUGENE AND VIOLA HAUSER

I was born June 26, 1917 to William and Alice (Folger) Hauser on what was called the Olthof Farm in Kent township (SE¼ of 12-130-61).

I went to grade school at Port Emma #2, two miles south of Guelph on SE corner of Sec. 7-129-60. The farm just across the road to the east was then called the "C. Craft" farm occupied by Andrew Stende & family, later by the August Boss family. My teachers were Mrs. William Linvill (nee Gertrude Puffer), Floyd Doggett, and Florence Bostrup. A partial list of classmates -- Russell McCoy, Mary, Ida, and Mildred Stende, Garth and Richard Holmes, Bertha, Mary, Arnold, Mamie and Hazel Boss, Dorothy and Frances Pagenkopf, and Virgil, Henry and Ruby Dennis. In the fall of 1929 I started high school at Guelph. My teachers were Thelma Haug and Don Sprouse. The next 3 years I went to Hibbing, Minnesota High.

When I started grade school my parents lived on the Marcus Oliason farm 3½ miles south of Guelph, later moving to Charles Dennison farm 1 mile south and ½ mile west of Guelph on south side of Highway #11, previously occupied by the Tobin family. This was the first rural home to have electricity in the area, generated by a stationary engine and 32 volt generator and so called "wet batteries."

I married Viola Branstner May 14, 1940, and have a career of "Tool and Diemaker" at Lansing, Michigan.

JAMES AND MARY ROYCE HAUSNER

Mary Royce Hausner was born December 25, 1920 at LaMoure, N.D. to Howard and Martha (Lucke) Royce. She has a brother, Howard and two sisters, Dorothy Johnson and Frances Goldstrand. She attended school in Guelph and graduated from Guelph High School in 1941.

She married James R. Hausner, April 18, 1948 in Mahnomen, Minn. He was born August 29, 1913 at Austin, Minn. the son of Joe and Marie Hausner. He has three brothers, Joe, Jack, and Tom and two sisters, Ann and Mary.

FRED AND JENNIE HAYENGA

I, Jennie, was born at George, Iowa, Jan. 24, 1895, to Frederick and Anna Reiter. There were 7 children in my family: Tena, Lena, Harm, Peter, Fannie, and I, and also a half brother, Chris, who had been born in Germany.

My father grew up in a town in Germany that was located near Holland. He often told about visiting Holland. He also told many stories of his life in the German navy. My father's first wife passed away shortly



Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hayenga and Jack
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after the birth of their only child, Chris. He then took his son and came to America. Here he met and married my mother, Anna. They farmed near George, Iowa. My mother passed away at an early age. My father bought a house in George, Iowa, where we moved. I received an 8th grade education and also took organ lessons. My half-brother, Chris, met and married Grace Hayenga. I met her brother, Fred, and married him in June of 1915.

Fred was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kempe J. Hayenga, immigrants here from Germany. His mother was 21 years old when she came with her mother and 2 brothers and settled in Applington, Iowa, in 1884. His father was 7 when he and his family came in 1868 to Applington, Iowa. They were married in Applington and farmed in the vicinity for a while and then moved to Kesley and Sheldon, Iowa, and then to Fulda, Minn. in 1895. They stayed here until 1904, when they moved to Andover, S.D. They came by immigrant car on the railroad. They brought their horses, cows, machinery and furniture in the same car. His mother and children rode in the caboose. They arrived in the nighttime and his mother and 9 children slept in the depot. The next morning they moved to their farm. They lived here until 1907 when they moved onto a new farmstead, there they lived the rest of their life. They had a family of 11 children -- Mrs. Cornelius Johnson, Grace Reiter Falkers, John, Frederick, Herman, Henry Peter, Ray Harold, Harmka Esther Roth, Annie Carrie, Louise Gertrude Marske, and Edward Julius. Raising a family of 11 took much hard work and planning. They farmed with as many as 30 horses and 5 two-bottom gang plows. They rented land, raised cattle, hogs, and chickens to supplement the income. They always processed their own meat, had a large garden, and fruit trees and berry bushes.

January was a time to butcher beef and hogs. The whole family helped process the summer supply of meat in the form of canned meat, stuffed and smoked sausage rings, cured ham and bacon, and dried beef. They had their own smoke house.

The "Twist" was more than a 50's dance. The twisting party gathered to twist hay and then afterwards had supper and a dance. Hay twists were burned, being used for fuel.

The early years of education were in a rural school across the road from the farm. Later they became a part of the Andover city school district and rode a bus to school, not a bus as today, but a wagon drawn by a team of horses operated by the Johnson family. Later Fred's father was successful in forming a new rural school district and built a schoolhouse on his land one half mile west of their home.

The principal entertainment in the early days were card parties in winter followed by oyster stew and chili. They also did ice skating on the creek. Summertime was time for swimming or playing baseball.

This farm was well stocked with a blacksmith shop, complete with forge, anvil, vise, drill press, and a complete set of tools. It was a harness repair shop, and shoes for the family were repaired on the shoe last. Harness repair equipment was a harness horse shaped like a saw horse with a seat on one end and a foot operated clamp or vise on the other end to hold the two straps together that needed sewing by hand. The harness thread was made by twisting 3 strands of cord string together and waxing it with a glove with heavy wax in the palm. They had their own harness dipping vat. The harnesses were dipped in harness oil to make them soft and also to preserve them.

All of Fred's family became farmers or married farmers except Herman, who owned and operated an electric shop at Bell Fourche, S.D.

His father passed away May 19, 1936 and his mother passed away April 15, 1939.

After the marriage of Fred and me, we lived on a farm near Andover where our daughter, Mathilda, was born. In the fall of 1921 we moved to a farm near Guelph, N.D. This farm is now owned by Howard and Joan Andersen. The move was hard because we left many relatives and friends in S.D. Fred and his brother, John, rode horseback and drove cattle from Andover to Guelph. They planned their route so each evening they could put the cattle in a stockyard, and they slept on the ground. It was a long hard trip.

In 1924, we purchased 2 sections of land from Baldwin Ranch Association. Fred's brother John purchased an adjoining section. There were no buildings or fences, so, it was necessary to build a set of farm buildings. We had trouble finding water so had to dig an artesian well for our water supply.

Soon after we moved to our new farm site (Section 24 in Kent township) our daughter, Fern, was born. She was born with 2 teeth, as was our son, Jack.

During the depression of the early 30's, it was hard for farmers to make land payments and many had to leave their land. Fortunately for us, the Baldwin Association was not too anxious to get their land back so we were given more time to pay.

We lived on the farm until a few months before Fred's death in 1958 when we purchased a home in Guelph. Fred was very influential in getting an artesian well drilled and piped into the homes and business places in Guelph. I lived in my home in Guelph until I was unable to care for myself. I now live in the Oakes Good Samaritan Home. Our son Jack and his wife live on our farm. Our daughter, Mathilda, is married and lives in Reedsburg, Wisconsin. Fern lives in Oakes. There are 7 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

JACK AND ELSIE HAYENGA

Jack Hayenga was born Jan. 19, 1930, to Fred and Jennie Hayenga. He has 2 sisters, Mrs. Grant (Mathilda) Dryer, Reedsburg, Wis., and Mrs. Emil (Fern) Zeller, Oakes.

He attended school in Guelph, and after graduation in 1948, he began farming on his father's farm (NE¼ Sec. 25-130-61). He married Elsie Fredrick, daughter of Louis and Julia (Steltzer) Fredrick, on Sept. 14, 1952, in Wisconsin.

They have 3 sons: David, who is married to Cathy Sund and lives near Oakes; Alan, who has done farm labor and is now working on a farm at Kent, Mn. He married Lori Jahnig April 16, 1983. Donald also does farm labor and has been employed at Garden State Bean Plant in Oakes.

Elsie has 9 brothers and sisters. See Louis Fredrick history for names.

Jack and Elsie farmed until 1969; then Jack worked at the Guelph Elevator for 7 years. He now works for Wiese, Inc., of Oakes, and they are owners of the Ludden Tavern since Oct. 4, 1982.

ARTHUR & NATALIA HENDRICKSON

Arthur John Hendrickson was born in Finland to Henry and Maria Korpi on November 18, 1881. His parents were Henry Korpi, born in Finland, June 23, 1847 and Maria Korpi born in Finland, February 15, 1847. Henry Korpi passed away April 13, 1919 and Maria Korpi passed away April 10, 1919. They farmed in the Ludden area.

Arthur married Natalia Olga Korpua, born November 20, 1887, in Ludden. Her parents were John and Katie Korpua and they lived on a farm south of Ludden.

Nine children were born to Arthur and Natalia: Effie, Rudolph, Eli, Hilda and William; all are deceased. The four living children are Sigrid, Gerard, Laura Wigington and Hazel Messenger all of Duluth, Minnesota, and Dorothy Anderson, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Arthur made his living as a farmer near Ludden. He passed away March 26, 1943 and Natalia passed away December 30, 1957.

HENRY V. HENDRICKSON (KORPELA)

Henry Hendrickson (Korpela) was born in Jalesjarvi, Finland, in 1841. He married Maria Lükala of the same community. She was born in 1845. They had six children and one died in infancy. Mr. Korpela came to America and settled in Marquette, Michigan about 1890. He made three trips to Finland, some family members returned to America with him each time. His wife and youngest daughter came to America to Sparta, Minn. in 1902. A few years later they came to the Ludden vicinity to farm. In 1917 they moved to live in Ludden where Mr. Korpela died in 1919. His wife passed away a day later.

Their children are: Albe, Swante, Mary, Arthur, Fred and Clifford. Albe has a family and lives in the state of Washington. Swante, born in 1880, married Senja Korpua of Ludden, N.D. They moved to Aberdeen in 1904 and farmed in that locality for about 20 years, before moving back to Ludden. Their children are: Waino, Arvo, Eino, Fred, Everett, Clifford, Rudolph (deceased) and Sylvia. They were all married. Mrs. Hendrickson died in 1946. Swante went to Kansas and died there in 1951.

Mary married Salomon Korpi and they had seven children: Martha, Hilma, Ida, Elsie, William, Art and Sylvia (Mrs. Art Weiste). All of them are married. Salomon Korpi passed away and Mary married August Kylmala.

Arthur (see Art Hendrickson history).

Fred and his wife Lucy live in California.

Clifford and his wife live in Missouri.

FRED AND RIKE HENNINGER

Fred M. Henninger was born in Sterling, Ill., in 1886. Rike M. Michaelsen was born in Holstein, Iowa, in 1886. They were married in Clark, South Dakota, in 1908. They farmed at Raymond, South Dakota, until 1918 when they moved to Steele, North Dakota, with their two sons, Ervin and Louie. Harold, Margaret and Addie Ilene were born at Steele.

In 1931 they purchased Baldwin Ranch #6, five miles north of Guelph in Hudson Township. Their home was located on the SE¼ of 7-130-60. They lived there until 1946 when they retired and moved to Oakes. Mrs. Henninger died in 1956 and Mr. Henninger died in 1976.

Ervin and his wife, Delores, live in Verona, North Dakota. Louie and his wife Marge, live in Boynton Beach, Florida, Harold and his wife, Nita, live in Oakes, as do Margaret and her husband, Bob DuRand. Addie Ilene (Babe) and her husband, Albert Frauenberg live on a farm near LaMoure, North Dakota.

HAROLD HENNINGER

Harold Henninger was born at Steele, N.D., to Fred and Rike Henninger. The family moved to a farm known as Baldwin Ranch #6 in 1931. In 1940 he joined the National Guard in Oakes, and when the unit was put on active duty after World War 2 was declared, he served 5 years in the U.S. Army. Three years of this was overseas in New Guinea and with the 6th Rangers in the Philippines. He was discharged in October of 1945 and began farming with his dad. In 1946 he was married to Nita Henninger who was born and raised in Wisconsin.

She worked for the A.B. Dick Co. of Chicago for several years until her marriage. Since then, N.D. has been their home.

Four children were born to them. Herbert is a Tech. Sgt. in the Air Force and at this time has been in the service for over fifteen years. He was married to Sherry L. Jensen of Rapid City, S.D. in 1973. Sherry is a registered nurse. They have four children. Herbert attended N.D.S.S.S. for two years.

Richard was a member of the U.S. Navy and Naval Reserves for about 10 years and is now a semi-truck driver and has his own rig. He also attended N.D.S.S.S. for two years. He married Janel Skjefte May 14, 1983.

Donald attended Mary College at Bismarck for four years and has a Bachelors Degree in Bookkeeping and Accounting. He is now the Bookkeeper and Assistant Manager at the Farmland Co-op in Oakes.

Mary went to N.D.S.S.S. and is now employed at Building Sprinkler Co. of Fargo as Executive Secretary.

W.A. AND FLORENCE HOKANA HERMEL

Florence Hokana, daughter of Emil and Hillia Hokana, was born April 8, 1923, in Lovell Township, Ludden, N.D. In 1927 her parents moved to their farm in Ada township. Here she attended rural schools and graduated from Guelph High School in 1941. After secretarial training in Fargo, N.D., she was employed by the War Department, AGO, Enlisted Branch in Washington, D.C. She returned to North Dakota, attended Normal and Industrial College, Ellendale, N.D. and taught school in Farming Valley School District. She was married to W.A. (Bill) Hermel on June 14, 1949. He was born in Waterville, MN., Sept. 15, 1913. They make their home in Princeton, MN. He is semi-retired from an office machines business.

They are active in Immanuel Lutheran Church; she is a member of its Mary Circle. He is a member of Mystic Lodge No. 213 in Aitkin, MN. and she is a member of Woodland Chapter No. 122, O.E.S. in Aitkin, MN.

Their children are: Glenn, Kent, Shirley, Michele, and Edward.

Glenn served in the Green Beret, 1st Special Forces (Airborne) during the Vietnam War. He is employed by the Burlington Northern Railroad in the Signal Department at St. Paul, MN. He was married to Barbara Cooley of Boyd, WI. They have a daughter, Theresa Jane.

Kent served with the 82nd Airborne Division during the Vietnam War. He is a teacher in the Onamia High School in Onamia, MN. He is married to Connie Gibas of Isle, MN. They have a son, Brady David. They make their home at Onamia, MN.

Shirley is a pianist-organist in her church and lives in Minneapolis, MN. She is married to Lawrence Berkner of Ely, MN. They have no children.

Michele is a student at UMD in Duluth, MN. She is married to Craig Ackley of Aitkin, MN. They have a son, Levi William. They live in Duluth, MN.

Edward lives near Grand Rapids, MN. and is employed by Blanding. He is married to Cynthia Worrath of Deer River, MN. They have a son, Phillip George.

FERDINAND & RAYME HIGGS



Freda, Waldron, LaVonne, Mrs. Rayme Higgs, Ferd Higgs & Irma

Ferdinand John (Ferd), the son of John Walter and Blanche Amanda Tracy Higgs, was born July 25, 1884 on the farm in Kent Township. His parents had come from Iowa in the spring of 1883 and homesteaded on the southwest quarter of section 33 in Kent township. Prairie fires were a dread of the homesteaders. In the prairie fire of 1905 much of the property of the Higgs' was damaged, and Mr. Higgs' health was injured. He passed away March 5, 1906. The Soo railroad was blamed for the fire and in legal action against them by Mrs. Blanche Higgs and 15 other farmers, they had to pay approximately $20,000. Mrs. Higgs received almost $2,000.



Back row: Ada, Anna, Ferd, Bessie, and Blanche
Front row: Vera, Grandma Blanche, Mayme, Grandpa (J.W.) and Archie Higgs

Ferd married Rayme Eulena Mitchell at Vicksburg, Mich., Jan. 8, 1908. She had come to North Dakota and taught school in the hills and in Ada School #4. They lived on his parents farm, as his mother had moved to Ellendale. To them were born 3 daughters and 2 sons.

Freda married Milton Pierce. They have 4 children.

Irma married Claire Dickinson and they have 2 children.

LaVonne married Bill Bennedix and they had one girl. She later married Jack Slipka and they had one boy. After Slipka's death she then married Vernon Russell.

Waldron (See Waldron and Evelyn Higgs history).

Vernet died at the age of 8 months.

Ferd had one brother, Archie, and six sisters: Blanche (Mrs. Jim Mead), Bessie (Mrs. Bob Faucett), Anna (Mrs. Will Coney), Ada (Mrs. Begin who later married Robinson), Mayme (Mrs. Fred Rusco) and Vera (Mrs. Ferd Pazandak).

Ferd passed away May 16, 1955 and Rayme passed away in February, 1959.

WALDRON AND EVELYN HIGGS



Back row: Merle Higgs, Bob Higgs, John Higgs
Front row: Evelyn & Waldron (Bud) M. Higgs

Waldron (Bud), the son of Ferdinand and Rayme Mitchell Higgs, was born Feb. 25, 1911, in the farm home of his parents and has lived here all his life. He married Evelyn Werden Oct. 10, 1932. Evelyn, the daughter of Fred and Alvina Werden, was born in Drake, N.D. She graduated from Edgeley High School and attended NI in Ellendale. She taught rural schools in Dickey the last 2 years of her teaching (1930-1932) in Ada township school #3. Evelyn recalls that in the fall and spring when the weather was nice on Fridays that sometimes she and another teacher, Gladys Oliason, would start school a half hour early and have a half hour noon. Then they and their pupils would take turns traveling back and forth in a lumber wagon to each others schools to play baseball. Such fun!



School bus of 1931
Pupils of Ada #2 going to Ada #3 for a ball game.

Waldron and Evelyn have 3 sons: Robert Warren, Merle Gene and Waldron John. Robert married Beverly Gerdon of Ellendale. They have 2 children, Terry Lee and Holly and live in Lakeville, Minn.

Merle married Clarice Minard of Ellendale. They have 2 daughters, Jennifer Caroline and Julie Evelyn. They live in Fargo, N.D.

Waldron John married Mary Sizer of Ellendale. They have 2 sons, Robert Mitchell and Bryant Mathew and live in New Effington, S.D. where they both teach.

In 1952 they built a new home on the farm. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Oct. 10, 1982. They continue to live on the farm even though retired from farming.

Waldron has 3 sisters and Evelyn has 6 sisters.

AXEL HILL

Axel Hill (Tuisku) was born in Kauhojoki, Finland in 1885. He came to Ironwood, Michigan, in 1912. While in Michigan, Axel worked in the mines. In 1914, he came to the Ludden, N.D. vicinity, and worked on the farms. He bought a house in Ludden and lived there. He never married. He is deceased.

SWAN AND HILMA HILL



Left to right: Bertha, Pearle, Gertie, Gust, Ada, Willard. Picture taken in Ludden, N.D., July 1982.

Swan Hill (Lepisto) was born in Lapua, Finland in 1881. He came to Massachusetts in 1900 and from there to Eveleth, Minnesota, where he worked in the mines.

Swan married Hilma Korpi in 1903, who was born in Jalasjavi, Finland in 1886. She came to Sparta, Minnesota, in 1902. Two children were born to them: Martha in 1905 and Johan in 1909.

The family moved to Ludden, N.D. in 1910 where they started farming. Seven more children were born to them here. They are: Bertha, Ada, Gertrude, Willard, Mayme, Gust and Pearle.

Martha married Emil Niemi. She has one daughter and lives in Grand Marais, Minnesota.

Johan is single and live in Ludden, N.D.

Bertha, born in 1910, married Nestor Kyllonen and they have 4 children. The Kyllonen's live in Oakes, N.D.

Ada, married Edward Fuller (now deceased), was born in 1912 and they have 8 children. They farmed near Ludden. Ada now lives in Oakes.

Gertrude, married Richard Garlan (now deceased), was born in 1913 and they have 4 children. Gertrude now lives in Oakes.

Willard, born in 1916, is married to Jenny Turner. They have 2 children and live at Omaha, Nebraska. Willard served several months overseas in World War II. He was captured by the Germans and was held for two years as Prisoner of War. Willard passed away April 24, 1983.

Mayme, Mrs. John Gunderson was born in 1917. They have 6 children and their home is in Mahnomen, Minnesota.

Gust, born in 1921 married Martha Mack. They have 5 children. Gust served in the Armed Forces during World War II, including 15 months overseas. He received his discharge with the rank of sergeant. They live in Aberdeen, S.D.

Pearle, Mrs. Stanley Wiley was born in 1923. They have 3 children and live in Omaha, Nebraska.

Hilma passed away in 1956; Swan passed away in March, 1958.

DAVID AND RACHEL HODGE



Rachel and David Hodge and Edith

David Hodge was born May 16, 1858, near Drayton, Ontario, Canada.

In 1883, he and his brothers, James and William, came to settle in the Guelph neighborhood. Other old schoolmates and friends who came from the same neighborhood were the Waite, Byer and Wilson brothers. The town of Guelph was named for a neighboring town near their old Canadian home.

Rachel Godfrey was born October 4, 1867, at Lowell, Michigan. In 1896 she came to teach school in Dickey County, and in 1906, she and David were married. They lived on the homestead that David had taken up in Ada township (SE¼ 23-129-61). They had one daughter, Edith, who is now Mrs. C.T. (Tracy) Mouw.

During this time they attended Church and did their shopping in Guelph. They lived in Guelph one winter so that Edith could attend school there as the one in Ada was too far for her to attend in the winter.

In 1916, David retired from farming and the family moved to Ellendale where they lived until they died. David died in 1934 and Rachel in 1941.

David was a deeply religious man, a life-long member of the Salvation Army. His wife and daughter belonged to the First Baptist Church in Ellendale.

After finishing the Ellendale High School and a term of summer school, Edith became a teacher. She continued attending summer school while teaching until she received her degree from the Normal and Industrial College. She taught a total of 25½ years.

In 1935, she and Tracy Mouw were married. They became the parents of five children:

John Mouw, Fargo, N.D.
Amy Smith, Sioux Falls, S.D.
Carol Mouw, St. Petersburg, Florida
Dorothy Brown, Gainesville, Florida
Ruth Jensen, Sioux City, Iowa
They also have 13 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

The Mouws lived in Ellendale until 1942 when they began farming in Kentner township. They lived there until 1962 when Tracy retired from farming due to a heart attack.

At present, the Mouws live in Woonsocket, S.D., spending their winters with their daughter in Florida.

AUGUST HOIKKALA

August Hoikkala was born at Taivalkoski, Finland, in 1880 and then came to America in 1907 to Ludden, N.D. He worked at the M. Buro farm for some time. He married Jenny Raisanen in 1909. She was born in Suomussalmi, Finland in 1887 and came to the Ludden area in April 1909. She worked at the area in April 1909. She worked at the Emil Liimatta home after she came here. They farmed in the Ludden area. Mrs. Hoikkala passed away in 1936.

To them were born six children: Sylvia died at the age of five years; Eino, born in 1911; Arne, born in 1912; Nestor, born in 1917; Everett, born in 1919; and a daughter Vieno born in 1924. Vieno is the only one living at this time.

ARTHUR AND MAMIE HOKANA



Arthur and Mamie Hokana

Arthur M. Hokana was born November 28, 1895, to Michael and Susanna Hokana. He attended Ada Township School and later farmed with his brothers until he married Mamie M. Heis, October 21,1922.

Mamie was the daughter of Hanry and Jennie Heis of Frederick, S.D. She attended Township School and Aberdeen Normal Training School.

They lived on the Michael Hokana farm near Guelph, N.D., where they raised grain and livestock until December 1937, when they moved to Brush Prairie, Washington. In 1939, they returned to Dakota and lived on the Farley place.

They purchased the Hokana estate and farmed until 1952 when they retired to Portland, Oregon. Arthur died July 16, 1976 of a stroke. Mamie moved to Hillsboro, Oregon that fall and lived there until her death July 21, 1982.



Norman Hokana, Delores, Ruth, Joyce

Arthur and Mamie had four children: Norman, Delores, Ruth and Joyce.

Norman was born April 17, 1923 and attended Ada Township Schools and the State Normal and Industrial School at Ellendale, N.D. While going to school he became interested in telegraphy and has been employed by the railroad for the past 30 years. He is now a telegrapher at Vancouver, Washington.

Delores was born May 27, 1928, and attended Ada Township Schools and Guelph High for her freshman year, then went to Ellendale High School and to college at the State Normal and Industrial College. She taught primary grades for six years.

While teaching at Gackle, N.D., she met Herbert Roehr. She married him June 4, 1949, at Jamestown, N.D. They have one son, Bryan Roehr, who resides in Hillsboro, Oregon. He and his wife, Judi, have three sons.

Ruth was born February 28, 1930, and attended rural schools in Ada Township. She graduated from Ellendale High School and married Walter Zahn February 26, 1949, when Walt was home on leave from the Army.They lived in Jamestown, N.D., before they moved to Alaska in 1961. Walt was a trooper for the State of Alaska until his death October 26, 1978.Ruth lives in Fairbanks where her four sons reside. Glenn is an engineer; Bruce, a cargo loader; Frank is married and is a music teacher at the university; and David is a cook.

Joyce was born April 13, 1933, and attended Ada Township Schools and Ellendale High School. She graduated from Fairview Nursing School in Minneapolis, Minnesota. She married Dr. Robert Tindal, an orthodontist, February 12, 1962, in Seattle, Washington. They have three children; Terri, Greg, Robbi, and one grandson.

Arthur and Mamie were successful grain and livestock farmers in Ada Township. They participated in community activities, Apostolic Lutheran Church, Homemakers, 4-H Club, Ada Choir and Ada School Board.

Many are the enjoyable memories among the many friends and relatives who have visited their hospitable home. They shared their large garden and produce with meals to satisfy a king.

CHARLES WILLIAM AND HILDA HOKANA

Charles William (Bill) was born in Ada township Dec. 21, 1886, to Michael and Sussanna Hokana who came to Dickey County in 1884. Hilda was born near Ludden to Erick and Ina Jumisko, Jan. 29, 1895. They were married Oct. 16, 1913. They were both active in community affairs and "Bill" served many positions in the township. He was a charter member when the Farmers Union was established in Ellendale. They lived in Dickey County all of their lives, except for 2 years spent at Battleground, Washington.



Charles William and Hilda Hokana

Seven children were born to them: Rex of Guelph married Irene Wilson; Marshall of Ellendale married Edith Raisanen; Howard of Newberry Park, Calif., married Helen Walker; James of Redlands, Calif., married Dorothy Holmberg; Luella of Ellendale married Clayton Voegeli; Hazel, the first born, died in infancy; Geneva, Mrs. Lewis Smith of Pendleton, Oregon, died in 1972.

Charles William died in June 1942 and Hilda died in 1973. There are 17 grandchildren.

EMIL AND HILLIA HOKANA

Michael Emil Hokana was born February 7, 1892, in Ada Township. His parents came to Dickey County in Dakota Territory from Michigamme, Michigan, in 1884. He, along with his brothers, helped his father develop a large farming operation on the homestead. In his early manhood, he and his brother, Bill bought and operated a steam-driven threshing rig that brought great change to the community. He married Hillia Miriam Wattula on June 29, 1918. They farmed in Lovell Township before they moved to Ada Township where they built their home farmed and raised their family.

Hillia M. Wattula was born April 3, 1896, in Lovell Township. Her father, William Wattula, was also a pioneer-homesteader. He came to Dakota Territory from Calumet, Michigan, in March 1883. They built their home and farmed on the homestead. Both were devout Christians and the Wattula home was known for its warm hospitality to many passerbys, relatives and friends. Mr. Wattula served as a lay minister for the James River Apostolic Lutheran Church.



Mr. & Mrs. Emil Hokana and family

Hillia received her Teacher's Certificate from the State Normal and Industrial College in Ellendale and taught for several years in Ada and Lovell Townships. She was the Ada Township School Treasurer for 25 years and news correspondent for the Ada column in the **Dickey County Leader** also for 25 years. She and Emil took an active interest in the Apostolic Lutheran Church and participated in many school and community events. Emil enjoyed music. He directed the Ada Choir and played in and directed various community bands. They both loved the natural beauty of the prairie - its awesome sunset, rich soil, the wild flowers and birds, and the farmstead planting and shelterbelts.

Their children are: William, Willard, Florence, Marjorie, Norma, twins - Ellen and Evelyn, Virginia, Franklin and Betsy.

Emil died January 24, 1979. Hillia died October 3, 1982.

FRANKLIN AND JOYCLEN HOKANA

I, Franklin, the son of Emil and Hillia Wattula Hokana, was born March 11, 1933, in the Guelph, N.D. area. I attended rural school #2 in Ada township and Guelph High School. After graduating from Guelph High School in 1951, I enrolled at NDSU, Fargo, N.D. In 1953, I entered and graduated from the U.S. Naval School of Preflight, Pensacola, Fl. I also attended USDA Graduate School and Boston University Overseas Graduate School.

In 1956, I married Joyclen M. Ylitalo, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ylitalo of Frederick. She was born in Frederick, S.D. and attended school in Frederick graduating from Frederick High School. She also attended Denver University AIB School, and Hampstead Institute for the Arts in London, England. We moved to Denver, Col., where I was employed by the McCollum-Law Corp. until 1959 when we moved back to Guelph, N.D. and the farm. In November of that year, I re-entered NDSU in Fargo and graduated with a B.S. degree from there in 1961. Then we returned to Denver where I was again employed by the McCollum-

Law Corp. In 1963 we moved to Lincoln, Neb., where I was employed by the Statistical Reporting Service as a Statistician. In 1970, we transferred to Washington, D.C. I joined Foreign Agricultural Service in 1975 and was later transferred to London, England, as an Agricultural Attache' in the American Embassy. We returned to the United States in 1980, and I am employed in Foreign Agricultural Service as an International Economist.



Franklin E. Hokana



Joyclen Marie Ylitalo Hokana

We have 3 children; Michael, Steven and Patrice. Michael was born Feb. 17, 1959, in Denver. He has a B.S. degree from the Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, N.N.Y. and is an officer in the US Navy, stationed on the USS Paul. He married Colette M. Howley on March 20, 1983. She has a B.S. degree from Molloy College, Long Island, N.Y. and works as a Registered Nurse in Children's Hospital, Jacksonville, Fl.



Michael Edward Hokana



Steven Charles Hokana



Colette Ellen Howley Hokana



Patrice Elizabeth Hokana

Steven Charles was born March 25, 1960, in Fargo, N.D., and has a B.S. degree from Bronxville, NY Concordia College. He is studying to become a Lutheran pastor in St. Louis Seminary, St. Louis, Mo.

Patrice Elizabeth was born Jan. 10, 1964 in Lincoln, Neb. She is a second year student at the University of Virginia and plans to become a medical doctor.

The highlight of my career has been that of being an Attache' in the American Embassy in London. It was interesting to work with people from all over the world and to represent our great nation, The United States of America. I was also a guest of the Queen at tea in the Buckinham Palace and also represented the United States Embassy at the Ascot Races.

As a resident in the Washington, D.C. area now, I enjoy the city of Washington, D.C., my work, and my home and family in beautiful Northern Virginia. My hobbies are golfing, reading, fishing and sight-seeing. I also enjoy spending time doing volunteer work for my church in Springfield, Va.

MARSHALL AND EDITH HOKANA

Marshall Hokana was born at Guelph, N.D. to William and Hilda Jumisko Hokana on March 17, 1918. He spent one year and nine months in the Army, stationed at Fort Meade, S.D. (1940-1942). Marshall married Edith Raisanen, daughter of Eino and Inez Saukko Raisanen, on October 11, 1956 at Frederick, S.D. Edith was born at Frederick, S.D. on October 11, 1927. They have farmed in Van Meter Township on the SE¼ of 24-129-62 since their marriage. They have five children, Cynthia of Minneapolis, MN, Sandra of Jamestown, ND, Gary, Davy, and Debra of Ellendale, ND.

Marshall's brothers and sisters are Rex of Guelph, ND, Howard of Newbury Park, CA, James of Redlands, CA, and Mrs. Clayton (Luella) Voegeli of Ellendale, ND. Marshall's parents and two sisters, Mrs. Lewis (Geneva) Smith and Hazel are deceased.

Edith has one sister, Mrs. Edgar (Helen) Luoma of Frederick, SD. Her father is deceasd and her mother is remarried to Arne Karjalainen. They live at Frederick, SD.

MICHAEL AND SUSANNA HOKANA

Michael and Susanna Hokana were both born in Finland and came to America, Michael in 1879 and Susanna in 1882. They were married in Michigan in 1882. Michael worked on the Canadian pacific Railroad at first but moved to Dakota Territory in 1884 and bought his homestead rights on the SW¼ Sec. 22 in



Susanna Hokana



Michael Hokana

Ada township for $450; this included the sod buildings. Life was hard, but they progressed year after year. Oxen were their first beasts-of-burden, later horses. It has been said Michael took the place of a horse during haying season one year. The summer of 1900 was very dry so the crops failed. Michael went to work for a threshing rig near Ludden as the crops were better there. One could walk across the river in some places because it was so dry.

When the Savo creamery was established, it meant a good source of income for many, so land holdings increased, building progressed, machinery was purchased and some began raising hogs. Michael operated a threshing rig for many years. He also was a blacksmith. It is told that a neighbor brought a couple plow shares to be sharpened. Despite the language barrier, the transaction was accomplished at the cost of 25¢.

The Hokana's improved their farmstead with good barns and other buildings. A large new house was also built with all modern conveniences. Michael held several local offices and was among the first in the locality to be called to jury duty. When he served in 1906, the farmers sued the Soo Railroad because sparks from the railroad engine started a fire that burned thousands of tons of hay the previous year. The verdict was unique inasmuch as evidence of the loss was determined by measuring the piles of ashes where the haystacks had stood so the farmers were paid accordingly.

Fifteen children were born to the Hokanas of which five died in infancy. The two oldest, Hilda and John were born in Michigan, the rest in Ada township. They are: Charles William, Selma Eugenia (Mitchell), Michael Emil, Olga E. (Anderson), Matheis, Arthur, T. Arvid, Esther H. (Charlson), and Millie M. (Dillingham). The Hokanas were devout Apostolic Lutherans and services were often held in their home.

Esther and Millie are the only survivors. They live in Minneapolis. Their sister-in-law, Mrs. Arvid Hokana, lives at Wapheton, N.D.

ROYAL WILLARD AND LOIS ANDERSON HOKANA



Willard and Lois Hokana

Willard Hokana was born in Lovell Township, Oct. 2, 1920, to Emil and Hillia Hokana. He received his early education in Ada Township, attended the High School and College of N.I. in Ellendale. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1942 to 1946. May 10, 1947 he married Lois M. Anderson, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. E.I.A. Anderson. She was born in Dover, N.H. and received her early education there, later moving to Washington, D.C. with her family. She attended George Washington University and worked for the Finance Dept. U.S. Army. They have five children. Stanley was born in Washington, D.C., Jan. 22, 1949; Linda, Sept. 9, 1951; John, Dec. 15, 1953; Jean, July 24, 1957; and Carol, Jan. 4, 1960.

They moved to the Guelph area in 1949, and in 1951 purchased a farm in Riverdale township and lived there until moving to a new home along Hwys. 1 and 11 in 1976, where they live today and farm with Stan and John.

Willard and Lois are active in St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Oakes, and many other community affairs on the state and local level.

Stan attended NDSSS, UND—EB and Northern State in Aberdeen. He married Cyndra Lanz on June 21, 1970, daughter of Otto Lanz and the late Charlene Lanz of the Ellendale area. Cyndy is organist at St. Mark's Church and is accompanist for the Oakes Ambassadors, a men's chorus. They have three daughters; Jennifer, born Nov. 20, 1970; Cameron, March 5, 1974; and Brooke, Jan. 28, 1980.

Linda graduated from Valley City State College in 1973 and teaches 6th grade Math and Spelling in Sisseton, S.D., after teaching a year at Alsen, N.D. and a year at Sarles, N.D.

John attended NDSU-Fargo and on Aug. 31, 1974 married Cheryl Vasvick, daughter of Harvey and Vivian Vasvick of the Ellendale area. They have a son John Colburn (Cole), born Feb. 5, 1977, and a daughter, Charissa, born July 20, 1979. Cheryl is involved with the Classic, a hair salon, and The Golden Door, a ladies clothing store in Oakes, N.D.

Jean graduated from UND-Grand Forks in 1979 and worked as an RN in Dover, N.H. and at the Oakes Community Hospital. She is presently attending St. Alexis Medical Center School of Anesthesia in Bismarck.

Carol graduated from UND-Grand Forks in 1982 in Applied Math and Computer Science. She is employed at Ford Aerospace and Research, Lincoln Laboratories, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Lexington, Mass.

WILLIAM E. AND MARLUS HOKANA



Seated is Marlus and Bill Hokana. Left to right: Curtis (son),Elnora (daughter), Glenda (daughter-Mrs. Brent Butcher), Gregg (son-in-law-Redlin) and Joetta (daughter), Hugh Gallagher (son-in-law) and Gail (daughter), Sheryl (daughter) and Edwin Olson (son-in-law)and Michael (grandson)

William E. Hokana was born in Lovell Township to Emil and Hillia Hokana on May 25, 1919. He attended rural schools and Normal Industrial College at Ellendale. He married Marlus Imboden, daughter of John and Bessie Imboden of Elliott, N.D. on June 2, 1945 at Aberdeen S.D. They farm in Ada Township.

William has two brothers and seven sisters: Willard, Franklin, Florence, Marjorie, Norma, Evelyn and Ellen (twins), Ginny and Betsy. Marlus has two sisters: Thelma Volz and Beverly Wiltse of Lisbon, N.D. Marlus attended the N.I. and received a Standard Normal teacher's certificate in 1945. They have six children.

Sheryl married Edwin Olson of Marcell, MN on Oct. 15, 1970. They have two children: Michael and Sandra. Their address is Osseo, Wisconsin. Sheryl received her Bachelor of Science Degree in nursing fron UND and is a registered nurse, currently mother and housewife. Edwin has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business Administration. Currently he is controller at Tri-County Memorial Hospital in White Hall, Wisconsin.

Joetta married Gregg Redlin of Ellendale on August 23, 1970. They have one daughter, Michelle. They live in Iowa City, Iowa. Joetta received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Food and Nutrition from NDSU, her Master of Science Degree in Human Nutrition from the University of Iowa. She is a registered dietician, and currently is the renal dietician at the University of Iowa Hospital and Clinics, Iowa City, Iowa. Gregg owns and manages his own business: Air Cooled Engine Services in Iowa City, Iowa.

Glenda married Brent Butcher of Chinook, MT, March 18, 1975. They have two children: Chad and Shayne. Their address is Bigfork, MT. Glenda received her Bachelor of Science Degree in education from UND. Currently she is mother and housewife. Brent is a well digger.

Gail married Hugh Gallagher of Port Hope, Ontario, on August 21, 1971. They have two children(twins): Andrew and Pamela. They live in Grand Forks, N.D. Gail received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting from UND. Currently she is mother and housewife. Hugh received his Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology. He is Chief Probation Officer for the Northeast Central Judicial District of North Dakota at Grand Forks.

Elnora received her Bachelor of Science Degree in nursing from UND and is a registered nurse. Currently she is staff nurse in the Diabetes Education Unit at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, Iowa City, Iowa. She lives in Carolville, Iowa.

Curtis is farming in Ada township. He received an Associate Degree in Agricultural Management from Bismarck Junior College.

RAY AND JANEEN MARY HAUSER HOLLAN



Back row (left to right) Dennis, Robbie, Mike
Front row (left to right):Mary, Ray, Janeen, Pattie

I, Janeen Mary Hauser, daughter of Clyde and Hannah Hauser, graduated from Guelph High School in 1951. After attending college at Ellendale State Normal and Industrial College, I married Raymond Gerald

Hollan in June 1953. We both taught school at Merricourt, N.D. for the following two years. August 1955, Michael Keith Hollan joined our family. In 1956 we moved to Guelph where Ray taught for the next 9 years. While at Guelph School, Ray organized and taught the first school band. We also did some farming.

In 1965, we moved to Aberdeen, S.D., where Ray was offered a job as Vocal Music teacher in one of the Junior High Schools. This move was very beneficial to our whole family, although it was hard to leave family and friends in Guelph.

Michael, our oldest child, received his Bachelor's Degree in Business at Northern State College and worked for Dakota Bank and Holding Company for two years and then decided to spend the next two years of his life as a missionary for the Morman Church in Costa Rica, Honduras and Panama. He is presently working on his Master's Degree in Business at Brigham Young University at Provo, Utah.

Roberta Rae was born in 1957. She received her degree in Elementary Education from Northern State College in Aberdeen. She married Dennis Gellhaus of Aberdeen who also received his Bachelor's Degree from Northern State College. Dennis attended St. Paul Seminary in Kansas City, Missouri, and received his Master's Degree in Divinity in May 1982. While living in Kansas City, Roberta (Robbie) taught school. They moved back to South Dakota in May 1982. Dennis is serving as pastor for United Methodist Church in Conde and Andover, S.D. Robbie is teaching 5th and 6th grades at Conde. They have a son, Stephen Dennison, born Jan. 27, 1982, who is our first grandchild. Robbie is also working on her Master's Degree in Administration at Northern State College.

Mary Elaine was born in 1961. After attending college in Aberdeen for two years, she transferred to Wm. Jewell College, a Baptist school, in Liberty, Missouri, where she received her degree in music. On Dec. 27, 1982, she married Bryan Woodford of Gettysburg, S.D. They are living in Kansas City, Missouri, where she uses her vocal talents at Carnegies, gives private voice lessons and does some substitute teaching. Bryan, who has a special talent for working with wood, is employed by Liberty Cabinet Co. The summer of 1980, Mary toured several European countries with a musical group.

Our youngest child, Patti Sue, born Jan. 1965, was six months old when we moved to Aberdeen. She is a senior at Central High School with a variety of talents. Like her two older sisters, she sings well. She was chosen to attend all-state chorus in Rapid City the past year and also as a member of Honor's Choir spent a week at Augustana College in Souix Falls last summer. She is a varsity cheerleader, member of student senate, acappella choir and swing choir which are both select musical groups from Aberdeen Central High. She is presently working hard on the school year book. She has done choreography for Youth Choir at church and is active in the youth group. She is very interested in journalism and has decided to attend Colorado State University.

Since moving to Aberdeen, Ray received his Master's Degree in Guidance and Counseling. After teaching Junior High Music for several years, he accepted the position as Guidance Counselor at Central High School. He has spent his spare time buying and remodeling rental property. He also is a partner in Rajon Enterprises which owns several apartment complexes in Aberdeen. We also bought an acreage 5 miles north of Aberdeen where we built our own home and also built and sold two other homes in the same area.

After moving to Aberdeen, I returned to school at Presentation College and received my nursing degree. For the past 11 years, I have been employed at St. Lukes Hospital as a registered nurse. I am presently Head Nurse of Intensive Care-Coronary Care Unit, the position I've had for the past 5 years. It's a real challenge but also very rewarding. I also plant a large garden every year and enjoy caring for our large yard.

This year Ray and I are teaching 6th grade Sunday School class at the First United Methodist Church. We have gained many friends through an adult Sunday School class which also has a monthly social. Faculty Wives, Nurses Association, United Methodist Men, Yelduz Shrine, and Central High School Parent groups are just a few of the activities which keep us busy.

I cannot fail to praise God for his goodness to our family. We will always be indebted to our parents for a Christian heritage. I have many pleasant memories of my childhood experiences in Guelph church and with my Uncles who were ministers.

CARL WILLIAM (BILL) AND LILLIAN HOLMES



Bill and Lillian Holmes

Lillian Sylvia Wiitala was born on April 22, 1896, to August and Ida (Poykko) Wiitala at Hecla, S.D. Her mother died when Lillian was 2 years old so she and her two brothers were raised by their father. She worked and played along with her father and brothers - her favorite pastime was riding horseback and even breaking broncos.

Carl William Holmes was born on Sept. 15, 1896, at Brainerd, MN. He received his education there and served in France during World War I.

Shortly after the end of World War I, Lillian was visiting her aunt in New York Mills, MN. She saw a young man riding in a wagon and turned to her aunt saying, "That's the man I'm going to marry!" That young man was Bill Holmes and so began their life story which lasted 56 years!

Bill and Lillian were married in Minneapolis, MN. on Nov. 22, 1920. They came to Hecla, SD. and farmed with her father for a short time before moving to Port Emma Township to the present Holmes farmstead in 1921. Two sons were born to them: William Garth on September 5, 1921 and Richard August on May 16, 1923.

During the Depression of the '30's they decided to rent out their farm and move to California. In the fall of 1936 they, along with Lillian's brother and his family the Art Wiitala's, left for Oakland, California to seek a better living. Bill worked at various construction jobs, among them the construction of the Broadway Tunnel. The work was hard, pushing cement in a wheelbarrow. His pay was 75¢ and 80¢ per hour. In the spring of 1939 they decided North Dakota wasn't so bad after all and moved back to the farm. Richard farmed with them after their return to North Dakota.

Bill was active in many community affairs. He was a member of the IOOF Lodge, Guelph Elevator board, Port Emma Township board, Port Emma School board County committeeman for Dickey County ASCS, St. Mary's Episcopal Church and was a charter member of the Dickey Rurual Telephone board. Lillian was a member of the Rebekah Lodge and St. Mary's Church and Guild.



Bill and Lillian Holmes on their Golden Wedding Day.

About one hundred guests were present when Bill and Lillian celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1970 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Holmes at rural Guelph.

Following their retirement Bill and Lillian spent the winters in California and later in Weslaco, Texas. They spent the summers at Guelph. They enjoyed traveling. Bill died on June 14, 1976. Lillian was a resident at Good Samaritan Center at Oakes, after breaking both hips in 1977, until her death on Nov. 10, 1982.

RICHARD AND DONNA KROLL HOLMES



Richard and Donna Holmes.

Richard August Holmes was born May 16, 1923, at Hecla, SD. to Carl William and Lillian Holmes. He lived with his parents and brother, Garth, in Port Emma Township on a farm located on the NE¼ of 17-129-60. He attended rural school in Port Emma Township and high school in Oakland, California. He and his parents returned to Guelph and he graduated from Guelph High School in 1940.

Donna Fae Kroll was born March 9, 1928 at Sioux City, Iowa, to George and Mamie Kotila Kroll. She attended school in Aberdeen, SD. Her mother, Mamie Hurlbert, lives in Frederick, SD. Her brothers and sisters are: Michael Kroll, Camarillo, CA; Patrick Kroll, Minneapolis, MN; Mrs. Robert (Dorothy) Moorman, Renton, WA; Mrs. Raymond (Patsy) Mikkonen, Frederick, SD; Mrs. Paul (Claudette) Rayburn, San Diego, CA; Frank Hurlbert, Plant City, FLA; and Ruth Hurlbert, Minneapolis, MN.

Richard and Donna were married Sept. 8, 1945, at Aberdeen, SD. In 1946 they purchaed the Burkhardt Bros. farm located on the NW¼ of 35-129-61 in Ada Township. They farmed there until they moved to Fargo in 1979. Richard was a member of the Ada Township Board, a Dickey County Welfare board member for 20 years and a member and president of the N. D. Social Service Board. He served on the Ellendale School Board, as chairman of the 26th Democratic district and was a lay reader in the ST. Mary's Episcopal Church. Donna took great interest in her family and the flowers and shrubs in her yard. She was a charter member and president of the Dickey County Special Education Board for many years.

They are the parents of five children: Gary Richard, who was born Sept. 17, 1946. He graduated from Ellendale High School and Moorhead State University with a B.S. in Business and Marketing Administration. He served in the US Navy. On July 11, 1970 he married Connie Jean Tabb at Bishop, Texas. She was born Dec.

11, 1949. They have two children: Ryan Austin, born on Sept. 2, 1977, and Debora Renee born on Aug. 25, 1980. They currently reside in Bishop, Texas.

Hollace Ann was born April 27, 1949. She graduated from Ellendale High School, the University of N.D.-Grand Forks with a B. S. in Psychology, B. S. in Physical Education and M. S. from University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, in Physical Education for Handicapped and Disabled. She married Travis Elwood Bostick on Nov. 8, 1975, at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Guelph. They have two children: Travis Shane born Feb. 2, 1978, at Boise, Ida. and Shad Troy born Aug. 22, 1979, at Mesa, Arizona. They reside at 6222 Elmer, Boise, Ida.

Jerry Michael was born June 29, 1951. He graduated from Ellendale High School and NDSU-Fargo with a B.S. in Agriculture. On Aug. 25, 1973 he married Brenda Lee Voeller at Frederick, SD. Their children are: Christopher Michael who was born Sept. 27, 1978 and Jesse J. who was born April 13, 1980. They farm at Guelph, ND.

Janice LaDell was born Feb. 19, 1957. She died on Dec. 4, 1979 at San Haven, ND.

LaMont William was born Nov. 20, 1961. He is a graduate of Ellendale High School and is currently a student at NDSU-Fargo majoring in electrical-electronic engineering.

Richard is presently in real estate sales and Donna is a senior at NDSU majoring in interior design and sociology. They reside at 1110 3rd Ave. N. 804W, Fargo, ND.

WILLIAM GARTH AND MAE ELAINE HOLMES



Garth and Mae Holmes

William Garth Holmes was born to Carl William and Lillian Holmes on September 5, 1921, on his grandfather's farm at Hecla, SD. The family moved to Port Emma Township to the present Holmes farm in 1921.

He attended grade school at Port Emma School #2 and Guelph High School for one year. The family moved to Oakland, Calif., in the fall of 1936 where he graduated from Castlemont High School in 1939. He returned to ND following graduation and attended Ellendale Normal and Industrial College and received a 2-year standard normal certificate. He entered the US Navy Air Crops in Sept. 1946, becoming a transport pilot and was stationed in the Pacific Theatre at Guam and Hawaii. One memorable flight was to Peking in June, 1946, before that area became a part of Red China and also seeing the Great Wall of China. His rank was Lieutenant Junior Grade when he was discharged in Sept. 1946. He returned to ND to farm with his parents, raising beef cattle and small grains.

On Sept. 11, 1949, Garth married Mae Raisanen of Frederick, SD. She was born on Jan., 2, 1929, to Charles and Mary Raisanen at Frederick, SD. She graduated from Frederick High School in 1946 and was employed by the First National Bank of Frederick until her marriage. Garth and Mae have farmed on the Holmes farm since that time.

They have three daughters: Susan, born on Feb. 16, 1951, married to Frederick Walter Kalbus and they live in Lisbon, ND. (See F. Walter Kalbus history).

Barbara, born on Feb. 24, 1952, is married to Richard Sherburne. They live in Ann Arbor, Michigan. (See Richard Sherburne history).

Elaine, born on March 9, 1956, married Gerry Kluck and they live in Hawley, MN. (See Gerry Kluck history).

Garth and Mae are active in community affairs. Garth is a member of the IOOF and Eagles Lodges, served on the Guelph School board and PTO, Guelph Elevator board, Port Emma township clerk, has served on the Dickey County ASCS committee and is a lay reader at St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

Mae is a past member of the Rebekah Lodge, Guelph PTO and Band Mothers, is a member of the Guelph Garden Club, Sing-N-Aires, treasurer of St. Mary's Church and is chairman of the Promotion and Publicity on the Guelph Centennial Committee.

They both enjoy bowling, Garth is learning to play golf, hoping to play more after retirement. Mae enjoys needlework, gardening and sewing for the grandchildren.

In 1977 they built a new home on the Holmes farm, where they plan to continue living after retirement.

EINO AND TYYNE (JURMU) HOLMSTROM

Eino Holmstrom, son of Hilmer (Elmer) and Hanna Holmstrom, was born in 1908. He married Tyyne Jurmu. To this union were born 3 children, Betty born in 1931, LeRoy born in 1933 and Eddie in 1939. They lived in Ludden.

Betty married Darrell Doggett. They had four children, Jeffrey, Sandy (Mrs. Mark Young), Glenn and Kenneth. Betty passed away in 1969.

Mrs. Holmstrom passed away in 1968 and Eino now lives in Oakes, He has 10 brothers and sisters, Nelma Waino, Lillian (Mrs. Earl Bleimbaum), Hilda (Mrs. Irwin Bruce), Wilma (Mrs. Bernie Karaweski), Tyyne (Mrs. Henry Boyton), Helen (Mrs. Wilbert Bodien), Mamie, Ernest and Fred.

HILMER (ELMER) AND HANNA HOLMSTROM

Hilmar (Elmer) Holmstrom, son of Emanuel Frederick and Anna Greta (Nickkila) Holmstrom was born in 1881 in Calumet, Michigan, where his father was employed in the copper mines.

Hilmar's father, Emanuel, was born in Pajala, Sweden, then moved to Norway. He came to America in 1873. His mother, Anna Nickkala was born in Simo, province of Oulu, Finland, in 1857. She came to America in 1875. They were married at Calumet, Michigan, in 1879.

Hilmar moved with his parents to Frederick, S.D. in 1884. He had 5 brothers and sisters, Fred, Arthur, Robert, Charletta (Mrs. Albe Luoma), Jorkina (Mrs. Ben Bruning). He married Hanna Orjala at Aberdeen, S.D. She was born in Lohtajala, Wassa, Finland, in 1885 and came to America in 1900.

To this union were born 11 children, Nelma, Eino, Waino, Lillian (Mrs. Earl Bleibaum), Hilda (Mrs. Irvin Bruce), Wilma (Mrs. Bernie Karoweski), Tyyne, (Mrs. Henry Boyton), Mamie, Ernest, Fred, and Helen May.

They lived for a time at Frederick, S.D., Gackle and Ludden, N.D. They were farmers and while living in Ludden lived in the home now occupied by Frank and Mary Ann Anderson.

GERALD AND ARDYS HORTON



Left to right: Michael, Denise, Shawnna, Ardys, Jerry, Dean.

Ardys L. Perlenfein was born February 15, 1923, at Guelph, N.D. to Edward and Edna (Rodine) Perlenfein. She was raised in the Guelph area and attended country school in Ada Township and graduated from Guelph High School in 1941.

She taught one year west of Ellendale and in September of 1942 she entered nurses training at Trinity Hospital in Jamestown where she became a registered nurse.

She moved to Washington for a short time after graduating and then to Sweet Home where she married Gerald Horton on November 5, 1946. He was working as a bank teller at the First National Bank and later switched to clerking in a men's clothing store, later part owner and manager. He retired as a territory manager for Ely & Walker Co. on January 31, 1982.

Ardys has been working at Lebanon Community Hospital since 1962 and is a qualified coronary care nurse and has worked in the recovery room for over 13 years.

Ardys and Jerry have 2 children. Denise married Michael Harrington from Whitefish, Montana, on November 15, 1971. They have 1 daughter. Denise works at Tell & Sell, the advertising paper. Dean married Trudy Elder of Shedd, Oregon, on May 14, 1982. They have no children. They both work at a store handling recreation supplies.

GEORGE AND THEORA HOVE



Left to Right: Geo. Hove, Theora Hove, Ann Akers, Bill Akers

George, the son of Hans and Gustava Pederson Hove, was born March 16, 1908, on their homestead near Crescent Hill in Sargent County (the town is no longer there). He has one sister, Ann.

In 1914 the family moved to the farm 1½ miles west of Guelph. (The Palmer Vie's live there now). George lived, went to school and farmed there until Jan. 1937.

He married Theora Dokter June 3, 1936. Grasshoppers and drought took their crop so they left the farm that January.

Dr. D.B. Rice of Britton, S.D. owned a Standard bred horse farm at Winchester, Tenn. and was needing a manager. Reverend Martin Bast recommended

George for the job. They left Guelph Jan. 1, 1937, and went to Winchester, Tenn. and were there until Nov. 1944. It was a lovely place to live. George managed the farm, raised horses and trained the yearling colts to trot and pace, then sold them at auction barns at Lexington, Ky. and Marion, Ohio. The auctions were held during the racing season in the fall of the year.

Because of World War II, farm help was very hard to get so the farm was sold; the horses were brought to Britton, S.D.

The Hove's came back and farmed at Andover and Britton. In 1954 they bought a farm 6 miles north of Andover and farmed there until they retired in 1973. They sold their farm, machinery and livestock to a young family. They bought a house in Andover and remodeled it. They raise a garden, strawberries, raspberries and flowers. They travel some. Last fall they went to Tennessee and visited their friends there. They say, "The years have been good to us."

They have 2 sons and a daughter. George, who married Joyce Wallace of Britton, S.D., Dec. 19, 1964, is a FMHA Director for 3½ counties and his wife teaches school. They live in Shelby, Mont.

Ann, who married Victor Mortenson of Estherville, Iowa, Feb. 14, 1964, does dressmaking and tailoring and her husband is an Internal Revenue Agent. They live in Sioux Falls, S.D. They have 2 sons; Wayne is married and lives in Sioux Falls and Mark will graduate from S.S.U., Marshall, Minn.

Gordon, who married Shirley Lindborg of Little Falls, Minn. July 29, 1978, works at Chader Business Machine Co. and his wife is a Graphic Arts Specialist, presently doing free lance work so she can be with their children. They live in St. Cloud, Minn. and have 2 children, Krista and Erik.

GROVER C. HOWARD



Kathryn and Grover.

Grover, the son of Robert and Electa Waite Howard, was born Aug. 22, 1886, in Elden Township, Dickey County. He often told of he and his brother, Alva, having to herd sheep and cattle for the neighbors. They especially liked to do this for the Carl Retzlaff's, as they were kind and considerate of them and always had something good to eat for them.

Grover was a Veteran of World War I. He served overseas in 1918. Soon after he returned home, he bought the Guelph store from the Farmers Co-op. There were 42 shares and he paid $125 per share. He also had the post office in the store. His sister, Nellie and Emma, were in charge of that. He bought cream and eggs from the farmers as another side line.

He brought his sister, Kathryn, to help him in the store and to keep house from him. She had been cared for by the Soldahl family from when she was a small child. Kathryn had a dress shop in their home. She was interested in merchandising, as she had worked in a dress shop and millinery in Mitchell, S.D. After the bank closed, his sister Nettie helped much in the store, too.

A group of Finnish people who lived southwest of Guelph, were very good customers of the Guelph store.

He managed the store for 46 years. He retired shortly before his death. He died Sept. 21, 1965, in the Veteran's Hospital in Fargo, N.D.

His brothers and sisters were: Alva, Ida, Ada, Nettie, Emma, Kathryn, Nellie, and William. All are deceased except Kathryn who lives in Mitchell and Emma in Ellendale.

FREDERICK L. AND BETTY JEAN SCHWARTING HOYT



Frederick and Betty Hoyt

Betty Jean Schwarting Hoyt graduated from Guelph High School in 1949 and from California State University, Sacramento, with Honors, in mathematics in 1973. She married Frederick L. Hoyt, Jr. in 1955.

Fred and Betty Jean live in Sacramento, California. Fred teaches English at Sacramento City College, a

community college. The 'English' classes he teaches include classes in Shakespeare, science fiction, and English as a Second Language, as well as composition. His favorite class is Shakespeare. Every year they go to the Oregon Shakespeare Festival at Ashland, Oregon, and see several Shakespeare plays.

Betty Jean has been a computer programmer/analyst for the State of California since 1975. Until 1981, she worked for the Employment Development Department, mainly doing analysis and programming for the online systems. Since 1981, she has worked at the Health and Welfare Data Center in the Performance Measurement and Capacity Planning Unit. They give the computer system its 'report card' and determine when major new equipment should be purchased. It is fascinating and challenging because there are always new things to learn.

They both sing in the choir of First United Methodist Church. They both try to keep physically fit, and several times a week can be seen running three or four miles in Land Park, which is near their home.

JEWEL B. MADDOCK HUBBARD



Dan and Jewel (Maddock) Hubbard.



Kathy, Clayton and Glenn, children of Dan and Jewel Hubbard.

My parents, Harold and Ann Maddock, raised my brothers Maurice and Lewellyn and myself in the small house across from the east elevator in Guelph.

After graduation from high school in 1955 I spent some time in business school and working in Minneapolis. In the winter of 1956 I came to Anaheim, California, where I stayed with my grandmother, Wanda Sell, and Mrs Courtney who were also from Guelph. I worked for a Title Insurance Company in Santa Ana.

In 1957 I married our neighbor, Dan Hubbard, and we moved to Santa Ana. We have two sons, Clayton and Glenn, and one daughter, Kathy. Clayton is married to the former Cathleen Gibson of Indiana and they live in Santa Ana also. Kathy is getting married to Tom Elder of Santa Ana in June and Glenn is still at home and working with computers for an engineering company in Newport Beach.

I've been working for the Department of Defense for approximately 15 years. My office is just two miles from home and about six miles from Disneyland.

Among my fondest memories of my childhood in Guelph are some of the times spent with our neighbor "Grandma Wagner" as we all called her. She always had time to play games with us and teach us painting and handiwork. Many times I'd run over and get her to join us for lunch and get her hand and run back with her. I realize now that she was in her 70's but we never thought of that then. One time a snake got in her house and I screamed and jumped on the bed and stayed there till she got up and went out and got a shovel and killed it.

Can't think of Guelph without remembering the dedication of our teacher, Miss Oliason. Sometimes when I'm beating away on this typewriter I wish she hadn't done such a good job!

I'm looking forward to seeing everybody this summer.

DALE AND CHARLOTTE HVISTENDAHL



Dale and Charlotte Hvistendahl

The Hvistendahl family moved into Dickey County in 1957 with the purchase of sub-irrigated land in Riverdale and Lovell townships for development of irrigation and fertilizer. Dale had invented the Mechanical Bee to pollinate alfalfa to set seed. They developed the ranch on the site of the old Crescent Hill train stop to pick up cream cans from the early settlers. During a blizzard, Nancy and Donna stopped the train for a ride to school at Guelph and Douglas rode on the Ellendale to attend NI.

Charlotte had taught music 6 years in South Dakota and Minnesota, so continued teaching at Oakes, N.D. Lisbon, N.D., Sisseton, S.D., Hecla, S.D. Ellendale, N.D., and since 1973 has been teaching voice at Trinity Bible Institute in Ellendale.

Dale taught at Cogswell, N.D. and Guelph, N.D., 5 years, developing grade school basketball teams who later became championship winners in high school. In 1967 he purchased the Oakes Real Estate and operated it in addition to the ranch until health necessitated the sale in 1971 . During the mid-70's he expanded a melon growing project to 65 acres. His melon crop was smashed at harvest time by the infamous hail storm which broke out all west windows in Oakes. Since then, Dale has done part time teaching at TBI in Ellendale

The Hvistendahl's have 3 children--Douglas, Nancy and Donna.



Douglas and Betty Jo Hvistendahl



Ron and Donna Kringen, Erik Kringen, 1982

Douglas, one of 6 National Merit Finalists, graduated from Oakes High School and NI. He earned an engineering degree from Le Tourneau College, Longview, Texas, and a master of Divinity degree from Asbury Seminary in Wilmore, Ky. He worked as an engineer for US Steel in Gary, Ind. until becoming a research engineer for Blumhardt Mfg. Co. in Ashley, N.D. in 1980. He lives in Ellendale, N.D., where his wife works in the TBI Library. In 1982 Douglas and his father developed a "piggy-back" low-pressure irrigation system which saves 60% or more electric costs. They are now manufacturing and marketing Ultra-Low Systems in several states.

Nancy (See Larry and Nancy Hansen History).

Donna attended Guelph High School and graduated from Huron College. While at Huron College, she was selected homecoming queen just 30 years after her mother had been queen there. Newspapers pictured the "mother-daughter queens". She married Ron Kringen, a business graduate of SDU in Vermillion, S.D. She taught math in Madison, Wisc., for 7 years. In 1977 they started a home decorating shop, "Habitat", in Rapid City, S.D., where Ron is systems analyst at Magnetic Peripherals. Their son, Erik, is 11 years old and is active in music and sports. Donna directs a youth choir, is soloist in community Messiah Chorus and Black Hills Chamber Choir concert.

Dale, the son of Oscar and Fawnie Brownson Hvistendahl, was born in Sioux Falls, S.D., in 1915. Dale's grandparents had come from Denmark (earlier Sweden and Norway). The name "Hvistendahl" means "white stone valley".

Charlotte, the daughter of Thomas and Dolly Perkins Dugdale was born in Lamar, Mo. in 1916. Charlotte's grandparents had come from England in 1894.

The gradual breakdown of the family farms into larger units sent many young would-be farmers into the city job markets. Their offspring have overcrowded the cities and left the country with dwindling enrollments and abandoned farmsteads. No longer can Lottie Puffer run a hotel or Alva Burley sell ice cream cones with a smile in his tiny cafe or Ray Hollan's excellent band lead the Guelph School to victory on the basketball court, or can there be Genevieve Vie's excellent singing groups, Dale's scrappy girls' basketball team, Gladys Oliason's plays including everyone, Mildred Brown's delicious cooking. These are all part of the memories and history of a period gone by--with regret and nostalgia. After consolidation, many needed participants before have become spectators.

The Hvistendahls say, "We are grateful for the love and admiration which our children developed under the leadership of Christian models such as Genevieve Vie, Gladys Oliason and Ray Hollan in the Guelph School was built by dedicated people who loved their children and their neighbors' children and united to build this community center. In such a community, children could have time to mature and develop character able to withstand the temptations and stresses of adult years.

Congratulations, Guelph, your spirit endures!

EVERETT HYATT AND FATHER, HARVEY



Harvey E. Hyatt Family. Back row, left to right: Era, Ethel, Glenn, Everett. Front row: Harvey, Hazel, Minnie, Lela.

Harvey E. Hyatt was born May 26, 1869, at Kokomo, Indiana, and it was at this place he spent his boyhood days. He was married January 17, 1891, to Minnie Porter and to this union were born two sons, Glen and Everett, four daughters, Ethel, Lela, Era, and Hazelle.

The family moved to the Dakota's in the spring of 1898 and settled on a farm near Ludden. They moved to Oakes in 1902 and resided there for six years. He was a member of the Oakes police force and later operated a restaurant. He also owned and operated a pop factory.

In 1908 they moved to Oregon. Less than a year later they moved back to the farm near Ludden.

In 1919 they moved to Aberdeen where they lived for seven years and then again returned to the farm near Ludden. He was a member of the school board and was assessor for a number of years. He passed away December 28, 1933. His wife passed away in 1918.

Everett Hyatt was born August 9, 1894 in Kokomo, Indiana. He came with his family to the Dakota's in 1898.

He was united in marriage to Beulah Kirscher on October 14, 1919. They had two children, Howard who was born March 1, 1928 and Ronald, June 16, 1936.

They were engaged in farming. Everett served on the township board and the school board.

Ronald married Carol Clark on December 1, 1957, at Hecla. Howard never married.

Everett passed away in January, 1962. Beulah Hyatt is a resident of the Oakes Good Samaritan Center.

Howard is still living on the home place and is farming.

RONALD AND CAROL HYATT

Ronald Hyatt, son of Everett and Beulah (Kirscher) Hyatt, was born June 16, 1936, at Ludden, N. Dak. He has one brother, Howard, also of Ludden.

Ronald attended school in Guelph graduating with the class of 1954.

On Dec. 1, 1957, he married Carol Clark, daughter of Harley and Edna (Wampler) Clark of Hecla, S. Dak. She was born June 12, 1939, and attended school and grew up in the Hecla area. She has four brothers, Clinton, Neal, Russel and Kenneth.

They have 3 children: Harley, who married Cindy Meyer and lives in Oakes, N.D., Daryl and Julie.

They moved from the farm to Ludden in 1977 and live in the former Burton Botts house.

Ronald is still engaged in farming on the home place with his brother.

AUGUST AND MATHILDA ILJANA

August Iljana, son of Gustaf and Elsa Iljana, was born in Ishpeming, Michigan in 1883. His parents immigrated from Finland in 1880. In 1883 August moved with his parents to Dakota Territory and settled around Frederick, SD. Gustaf and Elsa built their dwelling and barn of sod. Seven more children were born to them.

During the drought years Gustaf went to work for wages. One sultry autumn day Elsa saw smoke fanned by a hot wind. She knew that a prairie fire was loose and would engulf their home. Elsa and her young daughter, Ryka, hitched up the oxen and started to plow a fire break. By the time the fire arrived, they had managed to plow a fire break wide enough to turn the fire and save the buildings, but pasture and hay lands were burned.

August married Mathilda Raisanen, who was also born in Finland and came to Frederick, SD in 1915. August worked as a farm laborer. They had two children, Mayme and Elmer. Mayme was married to Harry Meyers and they farmed near Ludden, ND. They have four children. Mayme passed away in 1980. Elmer served in the Air Force during World War II and was discharged in 1945. He now lives in Aberdeen, SD.

August and Mathilda retired and lived in Ludden but have passed away.

RICHARD AND CATHERINE IVERSON

I, Catherine Ann Iverson, am the fifth child of John Frances and Lucille Catherine (German) Kelly. They lived about a half mile north of the Ludden bridge on the SE¼ of Sec. 2-129-60, on the townsite of Port Emma. My brothers were George, Patrick, Michael and Timothy. Joseph and Thomas were younger than I. Except for our cold house and visits by uncles and aunts and Grandma and Grandpa German, I remember very little about the Guelph area.

My family moved to Glover in 1954. There were a few more additions to our family. Robert, Mary and Therese. I remember visiting friends and relatives in the Guelph-Ludden area. It was always exciting going to the Germans or Maddocks. I remember watching my dad move a house from Crete to the Wallace Maddock farm on the NW¼ of Sec. 18-130-60. Also, attending a few showers and graduations, the free "ice cream evenings." Free ice cream evenings were filled with running and playing while the parents talked.

I attended school at St. Charles in Oakes my first 3 years. My 4th year I started school in Glover because my dad was ill. He died in March, 1960. I finished my elementary education in Glover and attended Oakes

High School 4 years. I attended Valley City State College 4 years, graduating with an elementary degree.

I was married July 1, 1972 to Richard (Red) Iverson of Oakes and moved to Beach, ND where he was managing store. I taught at Michels School near Beach. I had 12 students in 7 grades. I resigned because I was pregnant. George Patrick was born April 5, 1973. We moved to Fargo where Red worked Steiger Tractor Manufacturing. That fall, I taught at St. Joseph's in Moorhead, but I resigned again. Luke Michael was born April 11, 1974. Anne Josephine was born April 8, 1975 and Benjamin Arnold was born March 28, 1977.

Red started work for Weatherhead Distributing Company as truck driver sales person in April 1977. We moved to the Guelph area that June. We moved into that big house I watched being moved long ago. On March 4, 1982, Thomas Olaf was born.

I substitute teach in the Oakes School system and keep busy with my family and church. Red works at Weatherheads and the 4 oldest children are in school in Oakes. We enjoy living in this area and have found many dear friends.

DARRYL AND JUDY SCHUMACKER JACOBSON

Judy Schumacker Jacobson is the daughter of Elmer and June Schumacker, Fullerton, ND. She is a graduate of Guelph High School. Her three brothers, Jerry, Tom and Larry all live in the Oakes area. Her sister, Joyce, is married and lives in South Dakota.

Judy is married to Darryl Jacobson and they live on a farm northwest of Oakes. They have four children: Jeff, age 12; Dean, age 9; Kelly, age 22 months, and Sara, age 5½ months. Darryl's parents live in Bismarck, he has a brother living in Fargo, one sister in Bismarck and another sister living in Fairview, Montana.

After graduating from Guelph High School, Judy began working at Northwestern Bell Telephone as a switchboard operator until the office was transferred from Oakes to Fargo. She has worked as a part time bookkeeper for a lumber company, as well as selling Avon. She has also been employed as a cook at the Chalet Supper Club and Cabin Supper Club. At present she is employed at the recently opened Kennedy's Korner Kafe at Oakes, ND.

WILLIAM JACOBSON



Bill and Siiri Jacobson wedding.

William, the son of Andrew and Magdalena Karjalainen Jacobson (Ronkainen) was born in 1898. His father was born in Kuusamo, Finland, in 1860 and came to American in 1881 and settled first in Michigan and then came to Dakota in 1889 to SW¼ of section 3 in Savo township. He married Magdalena Karjalainen at Ellendale, ND in 1891. She was born in Taivalkoski, Finland, Aug. 24, 1864, and came to Dakota in 1891.

William married Hilda Wallio and they lived in Ludden in 1922 to 1924, first in the house Frank Youley lived in. They had one son, Glenn, who was born Jan. 19, 1930, in Ada township on the John Saari farm as William had rented the farm and was living there. Glenn married and lives in Minneapolis. They have 7 children.

William married Maria Sonnenberg and his third marriage was to Siiri Visto Patton, Feb. 14, 1961. Siiri is the daughter of Henry and Kristina Jokela Visto. She was born in Gackle, ND, Dec. 1, 1912. She had married Fay Glenn Patton of Tabor, Iowa, in Moorhead, Minn. in June of 1936. He served in the Air Force in World War II. He was a carpenter by trade. He died March 23, 1959 in El Cerito, CA.

Siiri is employed by Nordstrom Co. as a fitter and tailor. She was first employed in a store in Vancouver, Wash.; then was transferred to a store in Salem, Ore. At present she is employed in a store in San Mateo, CA and plans to retire from there soon.

GEORGIA MADDOCK JAMESON

This is a brief history of Georgia Maddock Jameson, who was born Oct. 25, 1912, north of Guelph on what was known as the Richard Murray farm. I was the second daughter of Harry and Myrtle Maddock. Theta was five years older than I. A brother, Wilbur, who died in infancy, was born in 1910.



Frank and Georgia (Maddock) Jameson

In 1913 Dad and Mother moved to the Farrell farm just east of Uncle Charlie's farm. Here my brother Donald and the twin brothers, Kenton and Kenneth were born. When we became of school age, our cousins and we walked to the #3 school about a mile east of us. Sometimes in the winter when blizzards came up in the daytime, Uncle Charlie and Dad would come for us.

In 1919 Dad bought a quarter of land nearby and built a two-room house. We were living in these two rooms when a cyclone struck July 2, 1921. The house was blown off the foundation and we were a frightened family. Uncle Charlie, Harold and Wallace came to our rescue. They took us into their home for the rest of the summer until Dad built another home.

On July 14th our baby brother, Wayne, was born. He only lived until September and was buried in Ludden Cemetery beside Wilbur. These were sad times for us. On December 4, 1922, our baby sister, Vivian, was born. It was a very cold, stormy, winter day. Wallace had taken all of us to school that day in a sled with a team of horses. I was so happy to have a baby sister to help care for. I graduated from 8th grade from #3 school and attended three years of high school in Guelph. While I was a freshman, I spent the winter with Mr. & Mrs. Thatcher. Mr. Thatcher was not well and they needed someone with them. I continued to work for them at various times. I was with them when their grandson, Truman Root, was killed. The funeral was held at the Thatcher home, as Mr. Thatcher was not able to leave their home. I was also with them when Mr. Thatcher passed away.

Dad operated a threshing machine and I was Mother's helper in the home. There was lots of bread, cakes and pies to bake. Lunches had to be taken to the fields. With my brother's help, I learned to drive the truck that my Grandfather Young had started to North Dakota in. It was a floor shift and not easy to operate but we all learned to drive it. I never learned to drive the Model T Ford, but when Dad bought the Model A Ford, we all thought it was something great. My first job was working for Grandpa and Grandma Waite when Roland was a boy. Grandma Waite had lost her eye sight and they needed someone to cook and clean for them.

After graduating from Ellendale High in 1931, I had various jobs for families in and around Guelph. One I especially liked was clerking in Ken Waite's grocery store. I stayed in their home and have many fond memories of them and their children.

In the fall of 1931-32 I went to Florida with my Grandmother, Uncle and Aunt. Times were tough and work was not plentiful. I was in Florida when I was called to report for School of Nursing in Red Wing, Minnesota. I had spent my money and not financially able to go to school. I returned to North Dakota with Harold, Anne, Pauline and Mother when they came to Chicago to the World's Fair. That was my first World's Fair.

In the fall of 1933, Dad sold the farm and moved to Indiana. I soon found a job in Culver, Ind. In the fall the family took me to Philadelphia with them. In the spring, I returned to Ind. to help Mother, as she was not well at that time.

I worked various jobs around Logansport, Ind. and that is where I met Frank Jameson. We were married in January, 1937. We made our home in Logansport where he was driving a freight truck to Chicago. I went to work in a factory in Logansport and worked there until 1944 when we moved to Arizona for Frank's health. This was War time and we both worked in an Aircraft Plant until the war ended in 1945. In September, 1945, we came to Spokane, Washington, where Frank's brother lived. We liked it so well in Spokane that we bought a small place which was a chicken farm. We sold eggs and raised fryers until 1954 when we built an addition onto the house and tore down part of the chicken house.

In 1957-58 I took a business course at Kinman Business University from which I graduated and worked as a Secretary until 1969. I quit my job and planned to get things in order before Frank's retirement.

Frank had three surgeries in 1979 and was retired from his Maintenance job with Husky Oil Co. in 1971.

We have had a camper since 1967 and traveled the U.S., Alaska, and Canada. I had the pleasure of touring the Holy Land in 1972, Madrid, Spain in 1980. Frank & I went with the Husky Oil Tour. My last venture was to China for 23 days in September-October, 1982.

MARTIN AND ANNA JENSEN

Martin Jensen was born in 1866 in Germany. Anna Muller was born there in 1868. They were married in 1898. They and their two sons, Sonke and Theodore, came to Verona, North Dakota in 1909 where two of Martin's brothers had already settled. Here Martin farmed until 1929 when he and Anna moved to Guelph because Sonke had his barber shop here. Ted lived with them, too, when he was in the community.



Mr. & Mrs. Martin Jensen

Martin bought the little house which is the third house west of the Methodist Church. Here they lived quietly for 15 years. During this period the two sons married and established their own homes. Martin and Anna enjoyed Ted's two children. He passed away at their home in September of 1944.

Anna continued to live in her home until October 1945 when she moved to Oakes as Sonke went there to live. She was one of the first residents of the Tower's Rest Home. She passed away in April, 1962 at the age of 94 years.

SONKE (BARB) AND THETA JENSEN



S. H. Jensen, Theta Jensen, Helen Jensen, Dale Jensen.

Sonke, the older son of Martin and Anna Jensen, was born in Germany on July 24, 1899. He came to the Verona, North Dakota, area in 1909 with his parents. Here he lived until 1926 when he moved to Guelph.

Theta Maddock, the oldest daughter of Harry and Myrtle Maddock, was born November 10, 1907, near Kokomo, Indiana. She and her parents moved to the Guelph vicinity in 1909.

Sonke and Theta were married in St. John's Lutheran parsonage in Oakes on June 3, 1934. They lived in Guelph for 11 years. Sonke had the barbershop, the restaurant, sold insurance and worked for the Johnson Land Co. at Oakes. Theta taught in the rural schools and was Guelph postmaster for four years.

In October of 1945 they moved to Oakes where they had bought a home.

In June of 1946 Dale Allen Jensen came to live with them. He was born November 11, 1945. Later that same year Helen Marie Jensen became part of their family. She was born in Germany on April 8, 1943. They were both adopted the next year.

Sonke continued to sell insurance and work for Johnson Land Co. until his retirement years.

Theta taught school in Oakes for 15 years until she retired in 1970.

Helen was married to Paul Bergt in June 1964. They have 3 children - Heidi born January 26, 1971; Eric born October 19, 1972 and Kristin born May 11, 1979. They live on a farm near Schuyler, Nebraska.

Dale lives in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he works for the George S. MacManus Book Co.

Sonke and Theta love to travel and go places every chance they have. They went on a tour of 11 European countries in 1963. Since then they have made two trips to Germany. They often visit Helen's family in Nebraska and relatives in Indiana.

All in all, they have had a good life and are enjoying their retirement years.

Their memories of the years in Guelph are among their most pleasant ones.

HERBERT AND HARRIET JOHNSON

Herbert, son of John and Lilija Vertanen Johnson, was born March 6, 1917, at Braddock, ND. At an early age he moved with his parents to Ludden, ND where they lived for 18 years. Then moved south of Guelph for 2 years before moving to Minnesota.

Herbert married Harriet Carlstrom, daughter of Wm. and Rose Scarias Carlstrom, March 8, 1945. Three children were born to this union. Dennis was born Oct. 12, 1945, and married Diann Schroeder. They have one child. Carol was born May 14, 1948, and married Darren Davidson. They have 3 children. Donald was born November 8, 1950, and is single.

Herbert is a World War II veteran. He also farmed for several years and then worked in a factory at Racine, Wisconsin. Presently he is retired. He and his wife live in Brandon, Minn.

Herbert's brothers and sisters are: Harold, Hazel, Helen, Lillian, Violet, John and Hilda (deceased).

JIM JOHNSON FAMILY

History of our parents, the Jim Johnson family of the Ludden community, as told by the daughter, Hazel Miller.

James Chris Johnson was married to Mathilda Fredricka Gercken at Cedar Bluffs, Nebr. on Sept. 9, 1908. They lived in Nebr. from 1908 to 1916. They had three daughters while living in Nebr. They were Mary (Johnson) Malmberg, (now deceased), Myrtle (Johnson) Ostrand, (now deceased) and Hazel (Johnson) Miller.

In the early fall of 1916 they moved to Ludden, ND to a farm southeast of Ludden, then owned by Staley (SE¼ of Sec. 17-129-59). This farm is now owned by a Grotelueschen.

They moved their belongings by freight in two box cars, one for the furniture etc. and one for the livestock. At Sioux City, Iowa, they ran into a tornado that took the top and part of the box car which the livestock were in. Our father said he had a hard time controlling one team of horses as they wanted to jump out.

The Johnson family lived on the Staley farm till the fall of 1922 when they moved to the George Bailey farm. They lived on this farm for 14 years, and then sold all machinery and livestock to Delbert Bailey, a son of George Bailey. They then bought the Marion Taylor farm (NE¼ of Sec. 3-129-59) of Ludden. They lived on this farm till their deaths in 1954. Mother passed away in July and Dad passed away in November.

Other children born to the Johnsons were: Robert of Ariz., now deceased; James, LaMoure, ND; Irvin, Wash.; Pearl (Johnson) Nelson, deceased; and George, Fullerton, ND.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson both served on different township boards.

JOHN AND GLADYS JOHNSON



Mr. & Mrs. John Johnson and grandchildren.

I, John Johnson, son of John and Lilja Johnson, both deceased, was born May 19, 1928, on the Stehly farm (NW¼ of Sec. 21-129-59) of Ludden. I have 2 brothers, Harold and Herbert, and 5 sisters, Hazel, Helen, Hilda, Lillian and Violet. We moved to Ellendale in 1936 and then Minnesota and Washington. In 1948 we moved back to Alexandria, Minnesota, to work in a dairy. I met Gladys Marie Mann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Mann, both deceased, of Henning, Minnesota. She has 11 brothers and sisters. We were married October 3, 1949 and were blessed with 2 daughters, Janet Marie, and Kathleen Kay. We moved to Racine, Wisconsin in 1952 where I am supervisor at Pantograph Machines, a tool manufacturing company.

Janet is an elementary education teacher and married Ronald Bloha in 1972. They have 3 children, Brian, Kelly and David and live in Stevens Point, Wisconsin. Kathy is an R.N. working in the hospital at Racine. She married Mark Neff in 1971 and has 1 child, Ryan.

JOHN AND LILIJA JOHNSON



Mr. and Mrs. John Johnson

John, the son of Matt and Walborg Johnson, was born in a sod house south of Guelph on land which his father had homesteaded. He had 8 brothers and sisters: Mary, Hilda, Ida, Arthur, Walter, Marian, Edwin and Arthur. Times were difficult and Matt would go to the iron mines in Michigan to work during the winter months to help with finances. Walborg would stay at home during this time and care for the children. Matt would come home in the spring to plant the crop on the land that had been cleared for farming.

John married Lilija Vertanen, who was born in Helsinki, Finland, and had immigrated to Minneapolis, MN. They lived for a time with his parents and then moved to the Stahley place south of Ludden, where they raised 8 children: Hazel, Harold, Herbert, Helen, Hilda, Lillian, Violet, and John Jr.

They moved to Minnesota in 1938 and to Brush Prairie, Wash. in 1948. John and Lilija were members of the Apostolic Lutheran Church. John passed away in 1966 and Lilija in 1977.

JOANN EVELYN (SANDBERG) JOHNSON



Joann and Rick Johnson

I was born on June 10, 1956 at Oakes, ND, the daughter of Carl and Evelyn Sandberg who now live in Fargo. I have three sisters, Carol (Mrs. Don Trebilcock of Aberdeen, SD), Elaine (Mrs. Herb) Rockne of Worthington, MN), and Phyllis (Mrs. Ernie Burnham of Minneapolis, MN), and two brothers, Gordon Ankeny of Albuquerque, New Mexico and Carl, Jr. of Oakes.

I grew up on a farm six miles northeast of Guelph along the James River. I attended school at Guelph through the eighth grade graduating from there May 27, 1970. Due to the closing of our school, I went to Oakes for my four years of high school graduating on May 23, 1974, as an honor student.

On April 4, 1970, I won the Dickey County Spelling Bee at Ellendale. John Ulmer from Fullerton and I were the two finalists who were tied after 100 words. Eleven rounds of tie-breakers consisting of five words each were used until John misspelled a word and I was declared the winner. Mrs. Esther Beck was my teacher.

During my Jr. year of high school I worked in the office of the Episcopal Church after school. I sold tickets at the Oakes Armory for school and athletic activities when I was a Jr. and Sr., also.

In April of 1974, I represented he Future Business Leaders of America Club at the state convention in Bismarck and took first place in Spelling. I won various Shorthand awards for speed and accuracy in high school, and was chosen to belong to the Society of Outstanding American High School Students and to Who's Who Among American High School Students.

After graduating from high school, I worked at Shafer Seed in Oakes as assistant bookkeeper. Then I decided to further my education and enrolled in the Aberdeen School of Commerce. I graduated from there on Aug. 20, 1976 with Highest Honors. I was chosen there to belong to Who's Who Among Vocational and Technical Students in America.

I moved to Fargo in the fall of 1976 and became employed at Dakota Clinic as records clerk and then was promoted to cashier. I worked there until the end of June in 1978.

On July 15, 1978, I became the bride of Richard Johnson at the First United Methodist Church in Fargo. We lived at Grand Forks for two months where Rick was employed at American Crystal Sugar as Boiler House foreman. When the Anheuser-Busch malt plant opened in Moorhead, Minnesota, Rick applied for the job of Power Plant Engineer and he became employed there so we moved back to Fargo in October of 1978.

In April of 1979, I accepted the position of Data Processor at William Collins, Inc. and later became bookkeeper for National Minerals Corp. which was headed by William Collins, also. I was laid off in November of 1980 when they went bankrupt.

We moved to the Plum Tree Square Condo's in July of 1979 where we have been doing the maintenance work for three condo buildings. I, also, do the bookkeeping for the condo association.

My husband, Rick, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Johnson of Oakes. He has one sister, Beverly (Mrs. Roger) Carr of Aberdeen, SD. He was born on July 8, 1953, and lived on a farm west of Oakes until he was fifteen years old when his family moved to town. During his high school years in Oakes he participated in track, football and wrestling and was conference champ at 145# in 1972. He graduated in 1972 and worked at Shafer Seed Co. until he enlisted in the Navy. He served in the Navy from January of 1973 to December 1976 and was a boiler technician. While he was in the navy, he was stationed at Chicago, San Diego, San Francisco Bay area, Japan and the Philippines. He served on the U.S.S. San Jose and the U.S.S. Midway which was an aircraft carrier. Places that the ships docked at which he visited were Hong Kong, Pusan, Korea, Singapore, Malaysia, Bangkok, Thailand, Guam, Hawaii, Alaska, and Vancouver, British Columbia. He is currently employed at the Anheuser-Busch malt plant in Moorhead, Minnesota, which is now called Busch Agricultural Resources.

We enjoy traveling on our motorcycles and have taken several trips to Canada and toured the state on it. We also enjoy bowling. It took me two years to adjust to city living, but I still miss living on the farm enormously and probably always will because it is a good life.

We do not have any children.

ROY AND LILLIAN JOHNSON

Lillian, the daughter of John and Lilija Vertanen Johnson, was born Dec. 10, 1922, at Hecla, SD. She married Roy O. Johnson, the son of Carl and Anna Wahlstrom Johnson, Dec. 24, 1942. He was born July 13, 1917, at New Effington, SD.



Roy and Lillian Johnson

They have 2 children: Ronald married Sandra Jensen, June 26, 1965. They have 3 sons, Cary, Curt and Kyle. Pamela married Wm Pynaka, Jr. Dec. 15, 1973. They had 2 daughters, Tracy Lynn and Kathy Marie, who passed away at 4½ months.

Lillian recalls the following: "We always had a lot of fun with our neighbors in North Dakota, going to steam baths at the Visto's and Luoma's, also horse back riding, herding cattle and just plain good times. I think of those times quite often and will never forget them as they were some of the happiest times of my life, living on the Stahley place by Ludden. We went back to visit last year and it was sad because the house was gone.

"We enjoy our family and grandchildren. We have had some sad times: Mom and Dad's death, the death of my sister Hilda, her husband Ronald, and their oldest son, Jim, and then our granddaughter, Katy Marie at 4½ months.

Hilda's son, Steven, and his wife and family are missionaries living in India. The other two sons, Michael and John, live in Washington.

Our hobbies are bowling, dancing, and traveling. We went to Finland in 1980 with my brother John and his wife. We saw my mom's homeland and her birth place, and met my cousins. How exciting! We took another trip through Colorado with our son and family. We visited every National Park we could along the way."

ERICK JUMISKO

Erick Jumisko was born in Kuusamo, Finland, in 1857 and came to America to Calumet, Michigan in 1886 and there married Ina Kaatonen in 1888. She was born in Tornio, Finland, in 1867 and had come to Calumet in 1887. Three children were born to them there; Eli, Ida and Linda. The family moved to Ludden, ND in 1893 onto a farm they bought, the SW of 26-129-70, by the James River. Eight children were born to them after they moved to the Ludden area. Before coming to America, Mr. Jimisko had been fishing extensively in Norway waters. It was his favorite hobby, so besides farming, he fished in the river nearby, there being an abundance of fish so the catches were good. He went around to Savo and as far as Frederick, Ellendale and Oakes to sell fish. Mrs. Jumisko would dress the fish as there was a big demand for them. Neighbors and friends would get fish from Jumisko for a song and often free. In 1911 he decided to try his luck at bigger fishing waters, and went to Astoria, Ore. to the Columbia River and attained some success. He stayed there, coming home for two years, but returned to Astoria where he died in 1929.

Mrs. Jumisko who was ambitious and kind-hearted, took care of the farm. During the busy season, hired help was kept for field work. She, with the children, cared for the livestock. In summertime the cattle were put on pasture over a mile away. There they went to milk the cows twice a day, regardless of weather, often in cold rain and strong wind. There was no shelter there. In 1920 Mrs. Jumisko rented the land and three years later she sold it and moved to Ludden where she lived until her death in 1947.

The children born to them were: Eli, born in 1889; Ida, Mrs. Arvid Anderson, born in 1891 (See Arvid Anderson history); Linda born in 1893; Hilda, born in 1895 (see Charles William Hokana history); Minda, born in 1897; Hillia, born in 1900; Katharine, born in 1901; Charles, born in 1903; Lempi Ellen, born in 1905; Edna, born in 1908; and Fred William, born in 1909. Three of these children are living at the time of this writing. They are Ida, Mrs. Arivd Anderson, who resides at the Ellendale Nursing Center; Minda, Mrs. Waino Anderson, lives in California, and Edna, who with her husband Edwin Martilla, resides in Frederick, SD.

FRANCIS AND IRENE JUNE



Irene Staab. Note the 37 medals she is wearing which she received in 1923, 1924, and 1925 in athletic events.

Irene Staab was born Oct. 24, 1914, in Nebraska to John and Elizabeth (Meyer) Staab. She graduated from the 8th grade at Guelph on June 6, 1921.

She married Francis June in July, 1935, in Wyoming. He was born Nov. 13, 1901, to Francis and Jane (Shekel) June in Johnstown, Nebraska.

Frances and Irene have 3 children: Jane, Ruth and Francis Jr. and 6 grandchildren.

Irene has worked for the Mountain States Power Company and now lives at Kalispell, Montana. She was a sister of Anna Staab Newman, a longtime resident of Guelph. She came and lived with the Newmans for several years. She attended the Guelph School.

JOHN EMIL JURMU

John Emil Jurmu was born in Posia, Finland, in 1886. He married Ida Kurvinen in 1913. She was born in Kuusamo, Finland, in 1882.

In 1913 John Emil Jurmu left Finland for America with Hecla, SD as his destination. There he was later joined by his wife. They farmed for several years near Hecla. Then moved to Ludden, ND, where they farmed near the village.

They had two children: Diane (Mrs. Eino Holmstrom) and Sulo Emil. The parents and the children have passed away.

FREDRIC AND DENISE WAITE JUST



Fredric and Denise Just

Denise is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Waite. She was born January 25, 1953, At Aberdeen, SD. Denise grew up on a farm in the Guelph Community. She attended school at Guelph until the school closed after her junior year, then graduated from Oakes High School in 1971. Fred also graduted from Oakes High School in 1970.

After their marriage at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Guelph, on June 24, 1972, they lived in Schwaebisch Gmund, Germany, for about a year while Fred was completing a two-year enlistment in the Army.

They both pursued college education at the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks. Denise received a B.A. degree in Social Work in 1976. Fred completed his studies in 1977 with a B.S. in Public Administration. At this time he was also commissioned as an officer in the Field Artillery branch of the U. S. Army, through the ROTC program.

Fred's career has taken them to a variety of places. They have spent time twice at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, for field artillery officer training. They returned to Germany for three years (1977-1980) - this time in Giessen. During this period they traveled extensively, not only in Germany but to such countries as England, Denmark, Holland, Luxembourg, France, Spain and Italy.

They reside presently at Ft. Polk, Louisana, where Fred commands a cannon battery. Denise is currently working with the Army's Basic Skills Education Program for soldiers.

JOSEPH KAHILA

Joseph Kahila was born at Jamijarvi, Finland, in 1884. In 1903 he decided to try his luck in America. He came via New York to Waukegan, Illinois. There he worked in a wire factory for nine years. Having heard reports of the wealthy farmers in the Dakotas, he decided to see for himself. He arrived in Ludden, N.D. on July 4, 1912. He slept the first night in a boxcar. For several years he farmed as a tenant. In 1942 he bought the Herman Liimatta farm. This farm is located in Port Emma township, Dickey county. Several years later, he sold the farm to William Thorpe. Later he bought a house in Ludden, N.D. and some land nearby. He continued farming on a smaller scale until he passed away.

F. WALTER AND SUSAN HOLMES KALBUS

Susan Lee Holmes was born Feb. 16, 1951, to William Garth and Mae Raisanen Holmes. She grew up in the Guelph community where she was active in 4—H and church activities. In school she participated in music and cheer leading. Susan graduated from Guelph High School in 1969, attended Valley City State College, graduating in 1973 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Music Education.



Walter and Susan Kalbus, Andrew, Rachel, and Matthew.

Susan was married to F. Walter Kalbus at Oakes, N.D. June 2, 1973. Walt, who is a native of Ellendale is the son of Fred and Clara Wedell Kalbus. He graduated from Concordia Academy, St. Paul, served in the U. S. Navy for 4 years, including 2 years aboard the ENTERPRISE during the Viet Nam war. Walt attended Valley City State College, and after several years of night classes, earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration in May, 1979. Susan and Walt have lived in Lisbon, N.D., since their marriage with the exception of 1977-79 when they lived in Oakes.

Susan has taught music in the Lisbon Public Schools for 9 years. She teaches 5th grade band, 6th grade band, 7th and 8th grade chorus, 9th grade chorus, and assists with the junior high band, high school band and jazz band. She has also taught private piano and voice for several years.

Walt has been employed by Clark Equipment Company - Melroe Division in Gwinner for the past 8½ years, presently serving as a labor reporting auditor in the Cost Accounting Dept.

Walt and Susan have three children: Andrew David who was born July 9, 1975; Rachel Susanne, born Oct. 2, 1977; and Matthew William, born May 11, 1979.

Walt and Susan have been active Jaycee and Jayceette members for the past 4 years. They both joined the volunteer organizations in Oakes, and are presently members of the Lisbon Chapters. Susan serves as President of the North Dakota Jayceettes during 1982-83 year, and has earned several state and national awards.

The family is actively involved in Trinity Lutheran Church, where Susan serves as director of the senior choir. She also enjoys sewing and crafts. The whole family enjoys taking part in a variety of community activities.

WALTER AND GLADYS KANGAS

Walter Erick Kangas was born April 4, 1906 in Brainerd, Minn. and married Gladys Cecila Forster who was born March 20, 1910 near Hecla. They were married November 18, 1933 at the John Forster home near Hecla.



Walter and Gladys Kangas

Four children were born to this union, Shirley Kangas in 1935, died in infancy. Marie Kangas in 1937, John Kangas born in 1941, died in infancy. Jean Kangas born in 1945.

Walter and Gladys moved to Guelph in 1943 and resided in the Howard house and Walter worked for E.A. Visto as a mechanic. Later they moved into the Barke House. In 1948 they moved away from Guelph. They now reside in Hecla, South Dakota.

Their daughters Marie and Jean are both married. Marie married Harvey Schlosser and resides on a farm near Frederick, South Dakota. They have 3 children. Cindy married to the Rev. Tim Vann, resides in Sioux Falls. They have a baby daughter, Lisa. Harv. Schlosser is presently at home, doing cabinet work and helping with the farm work. Richard Schlosser is a junior at Elm Valley High school.

Jean is married to James Walock of Ellendale, North Dakota. They reside at Fridley, Minn. They have 2 sons, Todd and Jerriet, who are both still in high school.

DONALD AND LAVERNA (PAGENKOPF) KAVANAUGH

I, LaVerna, the daughter of Albert and Clara (Anderson) Pagenkopf was born Nov. 28, 1924, in the Guelph area. I lived on the farm 3 miles south of Guelph with my father, mother and two sisters, Dorothy and Frances. My mother passed away when I was a little girl. I attended grade school near Guelph and Guelph High School through my sophomore year. My Dad left the farm, so I took my junior year in Wadena, Minnesota, staying with my aunt and then my senior year at Marshall High in St. Paul, MN. After graduation I went to Waukesha, Wis. and worked at Gimbel's department store in Milwaukee, Wis., in the millinery department. After the war broke out, I moved to Elkhorn, Wis. and worked at Borg's, a defense plant, at Delavan, Wis. I met my husband, Donald Kavanaugh,

who then left for the service of our country. We were married on his first leave on Oct. 16, 1943. After three years in the service (one year overseas in Germany), we were a family again. We have two children, Donna and Richard. After the children were both in school, I worked during school hours at National Food Store as a checker for 8 years. Then I took a "brushup"course in typing and went to Sta-Rite Industries, working in the sales office. I have been there 22 years and hope to get in my 25 years before retiring. We have traveled over much of the United States and have taken trips to Spain, Hawaii and Alaska. We spend our summer weekends at our cottage at Fox Lake, Wis. We will have been married 40 years in 1983.

FRANCIS KELLY FAMILY



Lucille Kellys family

Lucille (German) Kelly, daughter of Matt and Anna German was born on the farm at Port Emma on June 18, 1920. Lucille went to Port Emma school and St. Mary's Catholic school in Nebraska with her brothers Frank, Bernard, and Jerome. They stayed with their grandfather, Hubert Braun, two aunts, Kate and Victoria Braun, and one uncle, Al Braun. They also attended Hudson school and St. Charles school in Oakes. They finished elementary school in Port Emma. Lucille went to high school at St. Francis Academy in Hankinson, N.D. The same order of nuns there administer the Oakes Community Hospital at the present time (1983).

In June, 1941, Lucille went to Alberhill, California, to be with her brother Lawrence and his wife, Wilma, who were expecting their first daughter, Judy.

On November 29, 1941, Lucille German and John Francis Kelly were married at St. Francis Catholic Church in Elsinore, California. John Francis was originally from Forbes, N.D., born August 26, 1916, to James Peter and Katherine (Towers) Kelly. They lived on the farm now owned by John Forward (SW¼ of Sec. 24-130-60). Francis went to Hudson school and St. Charles school in Oakes. He was in the CCC's. Later Kellys lived south of Guelph where Clyde Hauser lives now. Francis went to California in 1936 with Frank German and the Olaf Olufson family. They all worked at the L.A. Brick and Tile Company in Alberhill, California. Francis later went to work at the Douglas Aircraft factory. While there he invented what was called a covering horse used to cover airplane wings. It saved much lifting and time.

Francis and Lucille lived at Ocean Park when they were first married, later moving to Hollywood, California. Frank German, Harold Rowe and Mary Kelly lived with them, all working different aircraft factories.

George, first son of Lucille and Francis, was born in Santa Monica, California, on October 2, 1942, but the family lived in Hollywood. They moved to Santa Monica because of gas rationing during World War II. Francis was closer to his job.

In 1943 Francis brought Lucille and son, George, home to Matt Germans as he was expecting to be drafted. However, he was deferred to help Matt and George German on the farm. In April 1944, Francis and Lucille and son George moved to Leo German's farm (NE of Sec. 2-129-60) which was at one time the Grover Baldwin farm also the townsite of Port Emma. While living here Patrick, Michael, Timothy, Catherine Ann, Joseph and Thomas were born at the Oakes Hospital.

In the spring of 1955 the Kellys moved to the Fitzgerald farm at Glover, N.D. where the children went to the Glover school. Kellys bought the Don Olson house in Glover in December 1958 and Francis farmed and moved buildings.

Robert and Mary Jane were born in Oakes when the family lived on the Fitzgerald farm. Therese was born in Oakes when the family lived in their new home.

John Francis died of cancer on March 23, 1960.

Lucille worked at the Riverside Supper Club and the Chalet Supper Club. For the past nine years she has worked at the Oakes Community Hospital where she is presently employed.

In 1980 the children had a 60th birthday party for Lucille. Friday night there was a dance, Saturday night Mass, and Sunday a picnic dinner at her home in Glover which was attended by her relatives and many friends wishing her a very happy 60th birthday.

Four sons, George, Pat, Mike and Tim were in the service of the U.S. All the children are married except Therese and Robert. A brief record of each follows:

GEORGE KELLY - George was born October 2, 1942. He attended school at Guelph. Moving to Glover, George finished eighth grade there and attended the Oakes High School. He helped his father move buildings. He joined the National Guard then transferred to the navy age seventeen and was in the navy until age twenty-one.

In 1964 he married Beverly Taber at Corona, California, where he worked for Hobart Company. They have a son, John, and a daughter, Renee. At present he is working in San Bernadino where he and his family live.

PATRICK KELLY - Patrick attended schools at Guelph, Glover and Oakes. Pat joined the marines and was in training at San Diego. He served in the Virgin Islands and several Atlantic areas.

He married Carol Morano of Wilmington, Delaware, on April 2, 1966, at Corona, California. They have 2 children, Charles Robert and Catherine Ann. They live in Wilmington, Delaware, where Pat is a pipe-fitter. Pat is always St. Patrick in the St. Patricks Day parade in Wilmington. His wife has made all of the Irish outfits for the family for the parade.

MICHAEL KELLY - Michael was born on December 21, 1947. He went to school in Guelph, Glover and at

Oakes. He served in the army in Viet Nam. He worked for a few years for Hobart Company in San Bernadino.

He married Betty Oster. They are the parents of four children - Michael, Angela, Michelle and Patrick. Michael and his family reside at Glover and he works in heavy construction as an earthmover. Betty is a beautician, owns and operates Betty's Hair Design at Oakes.

JOSEPH KELLY — Joseph was born June 14, 1952. He went to grade school in Glover and Oakes High School. He attended the University of Delaware and the Valley City State Teachers College. When a young boy, Joe and Kenny Schlader started Joe's home on fire near the fuel tank. The frightened Kenny crawled under the porch and could not get out as the fire was burning there. Joe's mother had to chop a hole in the porch to rescue him. Joe ran away because of fear of punishment.

Joe married Katherine Snope on August 11, 1979, at Chevy Chase, Maryland. They are the parents of twin girls born December 11, 1982, Erin Webster and Megan Hale. They reside in Wilmington, Delaware, where Joe is a pipe fitter.

THOMAS KELLY - Thomas was born March 4, 1954. He attended grade school at Glover and high school in Oakes. Tom married Vicki Nelson on August 21, 1982. Vicki is a teacher in the Oakes Public School and Tom is a carpenter in the Oakes area.

ROBERT KELLY - Robert was born September 17, 1955. He went to school in Glover and Oakes High School. Robert worked with Robert DuRand as an electrician for two years. He attended school at Wahpeton State Science taking a course for electricians. He returned to Oakes and was employed by DuRand and Gary White. he went to Williston and worked for Triangle Electric. He has been moved to Tioga, N.D. with the same company.

MARY (KELLY) LYSTAD - Mary was born June 3, 1957. She attended grade school at Glover and high school in Oakes. Mary was in the pom-pon group. She worked in the Upward Bound program in Fargo for one summer. She attended the University of North Dakota at Grand Forks.

She married Jeffory Lystad July 18, 1981 at Oakes. At present they reside in Minot where Mary is teaching and Jeff is a physical therapist.

THERESE KELLY - Therese was born June 2, 1959, and was only ten months old when her father died. Therese attended school at Glover and the Oakes High School. She attended Mayville State College and earned degrees in Child Care and Teaching. She taught at Edinburgh, N.D. and is now teaching in Calais, Maine.

For Catherine see Iverson history.

CHARLES AND FLORENCE KENDALL

Charles Kendall, the son of John and Jane Kendall, was born March 13, 1876 at White Pigeon, Michigan. he lived there until the age of seven when he came to Dakota Territory with his parents, brother Will and sister, Kate. They settled in Hudson Township in Dickey County in 1883.



Charles Kendall



Florence Kendall

He married Florence Cotton on March 8, 1909. She survives and lives at the Ellendale Nursing Center.

Charlie was a leader in communiy affairs and served on the Hudson township board for 34 years. He had been a member of the board of County Commissioners since 1932 and had been elected for a third term when he passed away August 8, 1941 from encephalitis, having been ill only 4 days.

As host, Charles and Florence were outstanding. Their home was always open to neighbors and friends. They were interested in Indian relics and had many arrow heads and hammers and other artifacts of the Sioux Indians who inhabited parts of Dickey County in the 1880 to 1890's.

The Kendall farm, the SE¼ of Sec. 14-130-60 on which Charlie and Florence, and brother, Will Kendall lived on all their life was homesteaded by their father, John Kendall who came from England and lived at White Pigeon, Michigan, until they moved to Dickey County, Hudson Township in 1883.

JOHN (JR.) AND JANE KENDALL

John Kendall, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Kendall Sr. was born in Lincolnshire, England, Jan. 1, 1842. His wife, Jane was born November 12, 1840 in Warlaby, Lincolnshire, England. He and his wife and parents migrated to Canada in 1870 and then to White Pigeon, Michigan.

John and his father came to Dakota Territory in the fall of 1882 and decided it was a good place to set claim of some land. They had come by the Milwaukee Railroad to Ellendale and then across to the James River to locate their claims: the SE¼ of Sec. 14-130-60 and the NE¼ of Sec. 23-130-60. They put up some box shanties on the claims. John Jr. stayed to look after the claims; he obtained a job clerking in Hall's grocery store tin Ellendale that winter. His father went to White Pigeon, Michigan.

In the latter part of March in 1883, his father returned bringing John Jr.'s wife, Jane, and sons, Charles, age 7, Will, age 8, and an 8 month old daughter, Kate to

Dakota by emigrant car that contained a yoke of oxen, a cow, some household goods, and a small house cut and ready to set up on the new homestead. The weather was bad: snow, wind and rain so they stayed in Ellendale until April 7th. Then they came to their claim.

Charles and Will began a business immediately; they picked up buffalo bones on the prairie and when their father would go to Ellendale to get a load of goods from their emigrant car, he would take a load of bones to sell. People would polish them for hat racks, coat trees, etc.

He brought the framed house out. After digging a cellar he set up the house. This building is still standing and is the dining room of the home today. Loren Voightman lives on this place now.

The Kendall's raised fine gardens on the claim grounds. Pumpkins and watermelons did well and were used to feed the cows.

The first summer they had some fodder corn and also some oats that was sown by hand on some shallow broken sod. It produced a crop that was cut with a scythe and used to feed the cattle. Their first hay was also cut with a scythe and raked up with a pitchfork.

In 1884, they had a little wheat crop, 15 acres which they sowed with a broadcast seeder. It made 23 bushels per acre. It is believed that Bert Cook was hired to thresh it, using a straw burner steam rig.

Seth Cook was a neighbor to the north. He and the Kendalls put up hay together this same year. It was long slough grass and Seth used it for fuel during the following winter. He didn't have a wagon but had a long rope on the ground and piled a big load on it and tied it into a bundle, hitched a horse to it to drag it home from the stack. He would sometimes be out of hay during a storm and on one occasion froze his nose solid while in bed. His wife then knitted a cover to protect it.

When it was cold and they were out of fuel, the early settlers would go to bed during the day, getting up to eat and go back to bed.

Mrs. Kendall used to take the little surplus butter and a few eggs she could spare and walk up the river three miles to the town of Hudson and exchange them at the store for groceries.

Jane Kendall passed away January 22, 1913. John Kendall passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. H.N. Williamson in Oakes on December 23, 1915. At the time of their passing, four of their seven children were living: John, Charles, William and Kate. They are both buried at White Pigeon, Michigan.

PAT (HAUSER) KENDALL

Pat Kendall, daughter of Clyde and Hannah Hauser, married Jay Kendall, Jr., of Ellendale on June 10, 1955. In March of 1968, they opened Jay's Hi-Way Furniture in Ellendale. Prior to that, Jay operated the Standard Service station in Ellendale for 15 years.

They have two sons: Craig married Pamela Smith of Webster, S.D.; he attends Northwestern Chiropractic School in St. Paul, MN. Douglas attends Northern State College in Aberdeen.



Jay, Douglas, Pamela, Craig and Pat Kendall

Pat attended the Guelph School and graduated from Guelph High School in 1952. She then attended NI for 2 years, receiving her Standard Normal Teaching certificate. She taught in Oakes and Ellendale public schools.

FREDERICK AND KAROLINA KENZLE

Frederick Kenzle (Fritz Kingsley) was born Jan.7, 1860 of Gernam parents in Hoffnungsthal, So. Russia. he married Karolina Schieve who was born Aug. 24, 1858.

Mr. Kenzle had a twin brother who preceded him in death, being a victim of starvation at the time of the first World War, although Mr. Kenzle had tried to send him money for food.

Fred and Karolina emigrated to America with her children: Wanda, Olga, Julius and Rudolph Robie. Karolina had been previously married before she married Frederick.

Karolina's older children had come to this area earlier in 1902 and being happy with what they found America to be, made arrangements for the rest of the family to join them. Edward Rabe, the eldest, and William, Mollie, and Mary Shultz were at Guelph.

Fritz soon built a small, two story home in Guelph and later when materials were available, he built a small barn. Julius and Rudolph used to sleep in the hay loft at times in warm weather.

The children were eager to make money so did chores for the neighbors and sometimes herded sheep. They would get board and room and maybe some spending money. The boys hunted gophers and the girls did housework. They attended a one room school here, and as they grew older, each found jobs and went their separate ways.

Mary soon met Joe Plaziak and later married him.

Mollie met Julius Olek of Kansas and they married and settled at Forbes.



Karolina Kenzle Kingsley

Karolina became ill and passed away at the Aberdeen hospital on Oct. 19, 1908. She was a good Christian and Mother and left a large family and husband to mourn her loss.

Fritz lived alone in his little white house which he kept polished spic and span. He had a team of horses with which he plowed gardens, hauled gravel and will be remembered for his generous, neighborly way of treating Those he met, both young and old. He was interested in gardening which his health permitted him to do successfully until his death. The fruits of his labor were shared freely with those he saw. Fritz clearly loved the U.S. and he was a happy whistler. He sucked a lot of peppermints and wintergreens and he never failed to offer you one. He wisely retrieved one from the sack first and put it in the opening a t the top and squeezed the sack tight beneath it so you wouldn't make a glutton of yourself and take a bunch.

Late in life he decided his horses were too old and needed to be retired as did he. So he replaced the vacant spot in his barn with a 1928 new Chevy. He drove cautiously with both hands on the wheel and looked neither to the right or to the left.

He died in 1941, being the oldest resident in Guelph at the time and just short of 81 years of age.

MAYNARD AND MARY JUNE KETTERLING



Greg, Kara, Mary, Kathy holding Krista, Maynard, Cory and Kim Ketterling.

I, Maynard Ketterling, was born February 2, 1932, and grew to adulthood in Wishek, N.D., and graduated from Wishek high school in 1950, served in the Air Force 1952-1955. I graduated from Ellendale Industrial College in 1958 and was then hired as superintendent, teacher, and coach at the Guelph school February, 1958 until June, 1968.

During this time, I married Mary June Aarons, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Aarons, Sr. of Oakes, N.D., October 8, 1960. We now have 5 children. Kimberly, 21, is working in Brainerd, Minnesota, and has a 4 year old daughter, Krista Marie.

Kara, 19, is a sophomore at Mankato State, Mankato, Minnesota.

Gregory, 17, is a junior. Cory, 15, is in 9th grade.

Katherine, 13, is in 7th grade.

In June 1968, I joined the Field Enterprises Education Corp. as World Book Sales Manager, and we moved to Jamestown, August, 1968. June, 1973, we moved to Brainerd, Minnesota, to continue as World Book Sales Manager until 1980, at which time we bought Eddie's (a 3.2 beer tavern) and now manage it.

Mary ran a "Day Care Center" in our home from 1974-1981. She has been my helper at Eddie's the past 2 years.

Some of the interesting sidelights of my career in Guelph:

Who ate the leftover cake? (Old school building)

Trying to catch the culprits who let the air out of all my car tires and caused a "Black Out" in my house the very first night we lived in Guelph (Halloween, 1965). "Never did catch the pranksters!"

Community clean-up details with our good friends and neighbors. "What a Joy" it was to work with people (teacher, parents, school boards, students, athletes, custodians, cook, and neighbors) in the Guelph community-"A Community where People Really Care". Our most memorable years are the years we lived and worked in the Guelph community.

ALFRED AND EMMA KILCHENMANN

Alfred is the son of Urs and Marie Kilchenmann of Lousville, Kentucky. he married Emma Williams of Pulaski, Tennessee about 1915 at Louisville, Kentucky.

They moved to North Dakota and farmed in various places in Lovell township. Alfred and Emma are both deceased.

They had 5 children: John Robert married Mildred Perlenfein on October 5, 1940. They had 2 daughters and 2 grandchildren.

Charles married Marie Quellman of Oakes. There were no children. Charles' death was the result of World War II injuries.

Mary married Gilbert Bruce from Los Angeles. They have 2 daughters. Mary passed away in 1981.

Thomas was killed in the front lines during World War II.

Nora married Arthur Ketterling from LaMoure, N.D. They are now living in Shelton, Washington. They have 2 daughters and 2 grandchildren.

Alfred had 3 brother, Robert, Carl and Bill, (all are deceased) and two sisters, Rosa Kilchenmann Frank of Moorhead, MN, and Ann Kilchenmann Stockoff, deceased.

JOHN AND MILDRED KILCHENMANN



Row 1: John and Mildred Kilchenmann
Row 2: Carol Elaine and Laurel Jean Kilchenmann

Mildred Perlenfein was born April 24, 1921, to Ed and Edna Perlenfein of Guelph, N.D She attended grade school in Ada township and graduated from Guelph High School in 1939.

After graduating Mildred married John Kilchenmann, son of Alfred and Emma Kilchenmann of Ludden, N.D. on October 5, 1940. They farmed and Mildred taught for 3 years. In November of 1944, they moved to Oregon and in 1946 started operatin a solid fuel business called "Johnny's Fuel" for 13 years. They then owned the Bee Hive Truck Rentals in northern Oregon for 5 years. Following that they were utility contractors for 14 years and retired January 1, 1978.

They have 2 daughters, Carol Elaine married Richard Fobar of Las Vegas on January 15, 1977. They have 2 children. Laurel Jean married Steven Dye, August 5, 1967.

Mildred has 1 sister, Ardys Horton of Sweet Home, Oregon, and 2 brothers, Russel of Albany, Oregon and Norman, deceased.

John has 2 brothers and 2 sisters, Charles, Thomas, and Mary, deceased, and Nora Ketterling of Shelton, Washington.

The following recollections by Mildred: There are many fond memories of growing up on Dakota prairie. Living for 18 years on the Jim Moore place then known as the Dr. Thomas farm (NE ¼ 10-129-61).

Our saddest time was that day in November 1929, when Norman dashed across Highway 11 to save a puppy and was hit by an oncoming car.

The grand days of herding cattle on horseback in the thirties. Earning our spending money by hunting gophers at 3 and 15 cents per tail.

The time the government ordered the pigs to be killed as there was no feed or market for them so we gave a young pig to anyone who would feed it for meat.

The day we drove half our herd of cattle to market for 3¢ per pound.

The thirties were hard times for everyone but the lessons learned proved invaluable preparation for the later years.

After our move to Oregon and in business for ourselves, John managed the businesses with Mildred doing the office work.

KILCHENMANN CHILDREN

The Kilchenmann boys came to Oakes from Kentucky. They farmed on the Lilibridge farm for a time.

John Kilchenmann operated steam threshing machines in the Ludden area, later operating a blacksmith shop in Ludden before becoming a career man in the army.

William (Bill) Kilchenmann farmed with his brothers. In about 1932, he began operating a liquor store in Ludden. He was later joined by his brother, Carl.

After Bill's death, Carl continued to operate the liquor store until he sold it and returned to farming on the Maynard Pederson place south of Guelph. His health failing, he spent his last days in the Oakes hospital.



Picture of Carl Kelchenmann

Alfred Kilchenmann brought his family to Ludden in 1918 from Louisville, Kentucky. They farmed in that area until the 1940's, when they moved to Oakes.

Robert Kilchenmann farmed with his brothers until he went to work for Otter Tail Power in Oakes. He was killed at an early age when a cave-in occurred while he was digging a basement under his home.

Two sister, Ann, who remained in Kentucky, and Rosa, who came to Oakes with the family later married Charles Frank.

They farmed north of Ludden on Highway 11, later operating the Red Owl Store in Cogswell and Oakes.

JOHN KILIANTER

John Kilianter (Kitula) was born in Finland and came to Frederick, Dakota Territory, in 1882.He homesteaded on a quarter on Sec. 26, Savo township. After farming for five years, he secured title to his land. Later he sold it to the Savo Evangelical Lutheran congregation. He moved to Ludden, N.D. where he lived until his death.

EUGENE AND DAPHNE KINZLER

I, Daphne Oswald Kinzler, was born to Karl and Erna Oswald October 5, 1936, at McIntosh, South Dakota. We moved in the fall of 1942 ot the Guelph area on the Stanley Baker farm SE¼ fo Sec. 27-130-60. While living here my brother, Tommy, was born. I attended school at Guelph Public School and graduated in 1954. My



Back row: Eugene and Glen
Front row: Steven and Daphne

adventures began as I started college, called the N.I. in Ellendale. This is where I met my husband of 24 years. We were married in 1958 and he pursued a teaching career for 15½ years. He is now an insurance agent for Nodak Mutual Farm Bureau. I completed my college career and taught music (1 through 12) for five years in Fullerton, N.D. I now teach piano in my home and will sub once in awhile for our music instructor here in Oakes. I have picked up the hobby of photography, which really got into my blood. I almost eat, live, and breathe it. I film all scenes of nature and all forms of wildlife. I have had two magazine articles published plus my photos with it. I have two more articles coming out in the near future. I sell my prints to the general public, if they find what they like.

Eugene and I have a grown son living in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, working for the Norand Corp. He deals with computers. Our youngest son, Steve, is active in and out of school. Never a dull moment. Steven raises rabbits for a 4-H project and I believe its become a family project. My husband and Steve are great hunters. I, in the summer, love to garden and work in my yard.

Eugene is the son of William and Martha (Dorr) Kinzler. He has 2 brothers and 1 sister: Gordon, Kenneth and Sheila.

MARY FREDERICK KIRSCHNER

Mary, a widowed mother and a sister of Mrs. Fred (Fritz) Kenzle (Kingsley), was born in Germany and came to the Guelph area with her sons, Edward and Julius Frederick. Ed was a shoemaker. His mother, (Aunty Kirschner as many called her), lived for some years in Ellendale while Ed worked at shoes. Later they had a home in Guelph and resided there. Another son, Carl, came to Guelph when he had completed his time in the service in Australia. Everyone was quite impressed with the colorful talking parrot he brought with him.



Carl, Edward, and Julius
Mr. and Mrs. Kirschner

Julius became a farmer, was married and lived east of Guelph and then moved to Ludden. He became a victim of the bad influenza epidemic and is buried in the Ludden Cemetery.

Carl worked as a farm laborer in the area, then went to Idaho and worked as a farm laborer there for a while. He passed away in Nampa, Idaho. Mary and her son, Ed, had both passed away before Carl went to Idaho.

GERRY AND ELAINE HOLMES KLUCK



Elaine (Holmes) and Gerry Kluck

Elaine Michele Holmes was born March 9, 1956, to William Garth and Mae Raisanen Holmes. She grew up in the Guelph community and was active in 4-H. She was a member of the last eighth grade class to graduate from the Guelph School in 1970.

Elaine attended Oakes High School, graduating in 1974. While in high school, she was active in music and cheerleading. She participated in All-State Chorus 2 years and attended International Music Camp. She was selected as a member of the International Peace Garden European tour group choir. They toured and performed in England, Belgium, Holland, Denmark and Norway in 1974.

In 1975, she represented Oakes at the Miss N.D. pageant and placed as one of the five finalists. Her talent presentation was a medley of songs by George M. Cohan.

Elaine attended Valley City State College and graduated in 1978 with a composite major in music education. She taught vocal and instrumental music at Edinburg, N.D. for two years, where she met Gerry Kluck, the Industrial Arts teacher.

Gerry was born Feb. 25, 1956, to Everett and Irene Ford Kluck of Hawley, MN. He graduated from Hawley High School in 1974 and from Moorhead State University in 1979, with a degree in Industrial Arts education. Gerry began farming with his father in 1980.

Elaine accepted a position as vocal instructor at Hawley High School in Sept. 1980. She and Gerry were married May 30, 1981, at Oakes N.D. They presently reside in Hawley, MN. where Gerry teaches part-time and is in dairying with his father. Elaine teaches music in grades 7-12. Their first child, Allison Mae, was born Jan. 9, 1983.

Gerry and Elaine are members of Hawley Lutheran Church, sing in the church choir, are active in Jaycees and Jaycee Women, among other school and community activities.

Elaine has two sisters: Susan Kalbus, who teaches music in the Lisbon, N.D. public school and Barbara Sherburne, who works with Nurses Christian Fellowship and lives in Ann Arbor, MI.

Gerry has two sisters and one brother: Debbie works with Fargo Senior Services at Fargo, N.D. Sherri works in Minneapolis, MN. and David attends the University of Minnesota - Crookston.

ED KNAPP FAMILY

The Ed Knapp family moved to Guelph in September 1942. They lived on the farm one mile from Guelph that is now owned by Howard Andersen.

Living at home at the time were their daughter, Dorothy and son, George. Another daughter, Eliene was a nurse in Minneapolis. Dorothy worked various places in the area and now lives in Fargo, N.D.

Eliene later moved to Denver, Colorado. There she married Donald Gordon in November, 1945. They came to Guelph to live for a short time. Then they went back to Denver where they still live. They have five children, all of whom live in the Denver area.

George farmed with his father at Guelph until 1948. He was married to Helen Loucks on September 19, 1948. They moved to Ft. Ransom where they farmed. In 1958, they went into mission work in Brazil where they still are. Six children were born to them; one died in infancy. Two of the children are also in mission work; Karen in Brazil and Charles in Paraguay. The other three live in Minnesota.

While in Guelph, the Knapps attended the Methodist Church and George was active in 4-H club work.

Mrs. Knapp (nee Helen Walker) was born in Wisconsin August 28, 1889. When she was three years old, the family moved to North Dakota to LaMoure County near Berlin where they homesteaded. She was one of twelve children having eight sisters and three brothers. She married Ed Knapp on September 19, 1915, and passed away in October, 1953.

Charles Edward Knapp, always known as Ed, was born March 20, 1880, at Woodstock, Illinois. He came to North Dakota in 1911 and farmed near Oakes until the family moved to Guelph in 1942. After Mrs. Knapp's death, he lived with George at Ft. Ransom for a while. Then he moved to Oakes where he died December 20, 1963.

His sister was Mrs. Herman Reise of Oakes. She died in 1940 but one of her daughter's, Grace Reise taught school at Guelph at one time.

A nephew of Mrs. Knapp, James Toedter worked for a while at the Everett Courtney farm.

GEORGE AND HELEN KNAPP



George Knapp Family

George Woolsey Knapp, the son of Charles and Helen (Walter) Knapp was born April 15, 1925 in Oakes. he has two sisters, Dorothy of Fargo and Eliene Gordon of Denver. He married Helen Lenore Loucks, September 19, 1948 in High Prairie Lutheran church in rural LaMoure, North Dakota. She is the daughter of Leslie and Agnetta Marie (Johnson) Loucks of LaMoure. She is their only child.

From 1942 until his marriage in 1948, George lived in the Guelph area. After marriage, he moved to the Fort Ransom area, where he farmed until 1958. In that year, he and his family answered the call to mission work in Brazil, S.A. They have resided there since, carrying out various aspects of mission work.

Five children were born to George and Helen: Karen Kay married Carlos Roberto Alves dos Santos, September 16, 1978. They live in Vilhena, Rondonia, Brazil. They have daughter, Karla Helen.

Charles Leslie married Joyce Louise Lindgren, May 27, 1978. They are missionaries at Hernandarias, Paraguay. They have two daughters, Rebekah Joyce and Rachel Louise.

Halvor George lives in Spicer, MN. He married Virginia Ann Johnson, February 21, 1976. They have two children: Angela Joy and Michael John.

Calvin Alonzo married Terry Joy Rudebusch June 18, 1977. They live in Paynesville, MN, and have two children: Timothy Alonzo and Leah Christine.

Carol Helen has not married. She is a nurse and lives in St. Paul, MN.

George and Helen also adopted two Brazilian children who are now grown and live in Brazil.

Their children returned to the United States for continuing education. Two have now returned to the Mission field, and three are in their chosen occupations in the United States.

It is a bit difficult to pin-point any certain event as being more interesting than another. Some of the probable extince events, as of now, were the rabbit-fox hunts during early winter. It was cold, tiring, but always a lot of cameraderie.

Geoge says, "perhaps the most frustrating was as leader of the boys 4-H club, trying to inspire the members to prepare and show their projects at the annual achievement days. Yet, there were always good rewards! It was through 4-H that I met Helen, while we were both at the 25th annual 4-H Congress in Chicago in 1946".

Threshing crews were always interesting. Hard work it was, but there was always something to break the monotony - horse races, runaways and no end to tricks. And in the winter sleigh rides, ice-skating, basket socials and just good fellowship. The Guelph community provided many of these good activities.

ELMER J. JR. (BUTCH) AND BETTY KNECHT



Corinna, Elmer, Melissa, Betty and Curtis Knecht

Butch, the son of Viola and Elmer Knecht, Sr. of Houghton, S.D., married Betty Cowley, daughter of George and Ruth (Green) Cowley at Hecla, S.D., June 28, 1968.

They lived south of Houghton for the first two years of marriage. In the spring of 1970, they moved to the Guelph area, on the Cowley farm in Port Emma Township. In the fall of 1973, they bought the Bostrup farm (NW 29-129-60), south of Guelph, from Allen Hansen. They have three children: Corinna, Melissa and Curtis.

ALBERT AND MARGE KOCHER



Kocher Family picture

Albert and Marge Baumgartner Kocher lived on the SW ¼ of Section 2 in Kent Township. They bought their home in 1958 and moved to Glenwood, MN, in 1969. They have 10 children.

Linda was member of the first graduating class in the new Guelph School building in 1965. Following her graduation, she attended Dakota Business College at Fargo for 6 months, then worked at Border States Electric Supply for 1½ years. she married Devonne Stelzer of the U.S. Air Force and they lived in Grand Forks. Seven months later he was transferred to Thailand and Linda moved back to Fargo and worked at Fairway Foods, Inc. as a secretary and was also warehouse foreman. Devonne, better known as Swede. returned a year later and they bought a home in Fargo. They have 3 children: Wade 11, Troy 8, and Sara 3.

David graduated from Guelph High School in 1968 and attended Ellendale College one year. The following year he attended Valley City State College. He and his wife, Sue and daughter, Maggie, age 3, live in Great Falls, MT., where Dave works as a carpenter.

Murial married Keith Cook. They live and farm at Yankton, S.D. They have 2 girls, Stacy and Kali.

Chuck was born in LaMoure, N.D. on November 21, 1956. He and his wife, Diana and daughters, Amber and Michelle, live in their own home in Fargo, N.D. Chuck graduated from Glenwood High School in 1975.

Lori was born Dec. 28, 1960, at Oakes. She attended school at Guelph Kindergarten through the second grade, then moved with her parents, brothers and sisters to Glenwood, MN. She graduated from high



Tim, Lori (Kocher) and Timmy Hodsdon

school there in 1979. On Dec. 15, 1979, she married Tim Hodsdon of Glenwood, MN. They have one son, Timothy James, born Oct. 3, 1982. Tim was born May 20, 1959, at Superior, Wisconsin, to Ed and Leah Ketterling Hodsdon, now of Glenwood, MN. Tim is an electronics technician. Lori works as an official tester where they build fencers and welders. They own their home in Burnsville, MN.

Steve was born in LaMoure, N.D. on November 27, 1957, and graduated from Glenwood High School. He lived in Fergus Falls and manages the Midland Station at Dalton, MN. Steve is not married.

Jeff was born in Oakes, N.D. on January 8, 1962. He and his wife, Carol, have one daughter, Sonya Kay, 2 years old. Jeff is working as a foreman at Agri-Aid. He owns a mobile home in Glenwood, MN.

Doug was born July 24, 1963, in Oakes, N.D. He graduated from Glenwood, High in 1982, lives at home with his parents and works with Jeff at Agri-Aid.

Barbie, 11, and Kelly, , were both born in Minnesota.

Albert is an over-the-road truck driver and Marge works at the Glenwood Super Valu store.

MATT KORPELA

Matt Korpela was born at Honkaniemi, Finland in 1886. He came to Ely, Minnesota in 1906 where he worked in the mines. In 1910, he journeyed back to Finland for a three month stay. He stopped off in England for an extended time and then had only three days to spend in his homeland. He came back to Minnesota and from there to N.D.in 1917. He started farming near Ludden, N.D.

That year he married Elliina Koskinieme in Aberdeen, S.D. She was born at Pelto, Finland. She came to Gackle, N.D. in 1916 and from there to Ludden, N.D.

They had four children born to them: Leslie, born in 1927. He served in World War II as a ship's cook. He became seriously ill while in Australia, being confined to a hospital for a year. Lee was born in 1929, enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1951 and served two years in Germany

as an interpreter. He received an honorable discharge, and now lives in Los Angeles, CA. Eva (Mrs. Robert Hunemiller) was born in 1928. They have a son and a daughter. Lela (Mrs. Eddie Movogian) was born in 1931. They have one son.

Matt Korpela lived in Ludden, ND. until he passed away.

JOHN & KAISA KORPUA



Mr. and Mrs. Korpua

John Jacob Korpua was born in Kuusamo, Finland, in 1849 and came to Calumet, Mich., in 1874. His wife, Kaisa Maria Nikkila, was born in Simo, Finland, in 1852 and came to Calumet at about the same time John did. They were married in Calumet in 1875. He worked in the copper mine for 8 years without losing a day. They came to Dakota in 1883, homesteading in the James River Valley, Lovell Township, NE¼ Section 35. Seven of their 13 children survived. Life during those early years was a constant struggle; however, they did not go hungry as there was plenty of fish and waterfowl nearby.

With his neighbors, Erickson and Wattula, Korpua bought an ox team. Gradually they increased their number of animals. They were slow patient beasts, but sometimes would strike out into a lake. There was nothing to do but wait until they decided to come out to graze, then back to the field. As they increased their holdings, they bought a threshing machine run by horse power and oxen. With increasing prosperity, Korpua invested in a steam threshing machine.

The great blizzard of Jan. 12, 1888, almost cost John and Kaisa their lives. They went into the barn about 3 o'clock in the afternoon to feed the livestock and do the chores when the storm struck. They left the children in the house. When they had finished their chores, they started back to the house. They could not see where they were going and could hear only the roar of the wind. They worried about their children and prayed to God for deliverance. Finally, stumbling about, they discovered that they were on the roof of the house. Joyously they entered the house and gave thanks to God for their preservation. They were plastered with snow and looked like animated snowballs. The eldest of the children had kept the fire going, burning twists of hay and straw, and had also fed the baby.

Crops for many years were good, and Korpua increased his farming operation. During the period of widest expansion he farmed a thousand acres of land. He had over 100 head of livestock, of which 70 were milk cows and 50 horses. He threshed for many farmers for many years. In 1900 an artesian well was drilled on the Korpua farm, one of the first in the community. It is still producing.

Both John and Kaisa were remarkably healthy. They were kindhearted and willing to help those in need. Kaisa was a capable midwife, and was always ready in case of need regardless of the time of day or night. The last 10 or more years of life she was blind. They entertained large numbers of guests, including many visitors to their church celebrations. They were members of the Apostolic Lutheran Church.

John died in 1930 and Kaisa in 1943.

Their children are as follows: Unno Leopold, born in 1875 in Calumet, Mich. He married Mary Martilla, who had come from Finland in 1904. They had 3 adopted children. Unno was a large scale farm operator and thresher. He died in 1934.

Hjalmer John married Maria Kyllonen, who was born in Ada township in 1889. They had 3 children: Melba (Mrs. Preston Forester), Lila (Mrs. Ernest Liimata) and Eleanor (Mrs. Razy Bergren). Maria died in 1929 and Hjalmer moved to Frederick where he later passed away.

Senia Maria (Mrs. Swante Hendrickson) was born in Calumet, Mich. in 1883.

Olga Natalia (Mrs. Toivo Rante) was born in 1887.

Hulda (Mrs. Nels Hendrickson) was born in 1889. They farmed near Ludden, for several years, then moved to Arlington, Wash.

Clemence Victor was born in 1896. He worked on farms in the Ludden and Hecla area. The past 10 years he has lived in the Oakes Good Samaritan center. He passed away April 5, 1983.



Clemence Korpua

ARLENE KUNRATH



Arlene Kunrath

Recollections by Arlene:

I am the daughter of William and Anna (Burows) Kunrath, born November 5, 1928. I have one brother, Clarence, and two sisters, Lorraine Baker and Doris Loepp. All of my eight years of country school, I attended Hudson No. 4, walking 1½ miles with the Haupts and Stieners. When the weather was bad during the early years, the folks would hitch a team of horses to a wagon or sleigh and take us, and later by car. If by car, we always carried a scoop shovel to dig out of the snow. We certainly have to "thank our folks" for the great effort they always had to make to get us to school. I had several years of perfect attendance. The County Superintendent gave out certificates or perfect attendance pins. The burden was on Mom, mostly, to take us back and forth to school.

I stayed with Mrs. Courtney all four years of high school. If I remember right, it was 2 years with Lorraine, one year by myself and the last year Doris was going there, too. She finished in Oakes.

We furnished our room with a small cook stove that wouldn't hold a fire through the night so the water in our pail would be frozen in the morning. One had to pile on a lot of covers to keep warm at night. I'm so glad that I've never had to experience those cold winters again, as I did in that room.

The first two years, Lorraine stayed at Mrs. Swanson's, she took in quite a few girls each year. Ilene Henninger stayed there. One weekend the folks didn't come on Friday to take us home for the weekend because the roads were blocked with large banks of snow, so the three of us walked from Guelph over the snow banks to our home. It was a sunny day as warm as one could expect. You can bet we were three tired girls by the time we all reached our homes. Ours was a distance of almost 6 miles. The folks were not pleased with the prospect of getting us back to Guelph for school Monday.

Mrs. Courtney handled a traveling Library Service. This was a consignment of about 50 library books sent by train to Guelph from Bismarck. You could check them out and return them when you finished reading them. About every three months the box of books was returned to Bismarck and a new supply was sent back.

Then there were the summers - as little girls we had to help with garden, cooking, canning and milking. Still, I snatched my hours for reading also. I read all the books Dad had in the home library and the books and magazines Clarence bought. And don't forget in those days the "Song Hits" one could buy for 10¢, so I bought these to learn the words to the hit songs.

After graduation from Guelph High School in 1946, I went to Los Angeles, California, with my sister, Lorraine. We lived with Stanley Bakers and worked in the Anaheim area until our move to Sacramento. Here I attended a computer school. In the past I worked for an oil company, then on the Minute Missile Program at Aerojet Gen. Corp. Upon its completion I began working for Diamond National Corp. and now am supervisor.

I have been in all the western states and in Victoria, Canada. Most of my vacation trips have been to North Dakota to visit my folks.

My home in Sacramento is next to my sister, Lorraine Baker.

ART AND ALICE KUNRATH



Art and Alice Kunrath, Margaret Bellon (Alice's mother) and Lillian Bruns (Art's sister)

Art was born Feb. 24, 1889, to George and Bertha Gripp Kunrath. They both came from Germany as did George's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marx Kunrath. Art attended Hudson School No. 4 through the 8th grade with his brothers, Willie and Johnnie and his sister Caroline. His son, Darwin, also attended this school for 6 years.

Art was very musical and played his violin at dances in Clement Hall, also in fiddler contests and other activities.

At one time he sold the most **Oakes Times** in a contest. The prize was a Chevy coupe.



George & Lillie Bruns and Art & Alice Kunrath - Wedding Day
March 30, 1932

He started farming with an Allis Chalmers B tractor and a 2 bottom plow. Some of the prices on farm products were: Wheat - 22¢ a bushel, oats - 5¢ a bushel, corn - 6¢ a bushel and high moisture corn was 3¢ less, and eggs 6¢ a dozen.

He married Alice Bellon March 30, 1932, in St. John's Lutheran Church of Oakes. This was the church he had been baptized and confirmed in. This was a double wedding. His sister Lillie and husband were married in the same ceremony by Reverend W. Landgraf.

Alice, the daughter of Edward and Margaret Yeager Bellon, was born at Lehr, N.D. June 10, 1911. She moved with her parents to Jamestown, N.D. where she had her first 6 years of school. They then moved to Spiritwood, N.D., where she completed her 8th grade. In 1929 they moved to the Baldwin Ranch No. 1 (NE¼ of Sec. 24-130-61). Alice says, "There were 14 of us around the table, as mother's mother lived with us and 2 extra hired men. There never was any doubt as to what to do. I worked in Guelph at Jensen's cafe and did hair fixing on special days and coached several 2 and 3 act plays. I did all the sewing for our family, starting when I was 12 years old. Oh, the many long stockings to darn and overalls and jackets to patch."

There was no honeymoon after their wedding as times were so hard. They set up housekeeping on a farm a mile from Art's birthplace and still live on the same place (NE¼ of Sec. 17-130-60). It was originally called the Mae Murray place and was supposed to be haunted. Alice says, "We just celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary and no ghosts so far."

Since we lived near Hudson School No. 4 we boarded the teachers until school busing took over. Lucille Von Eschen was our first teacher. We received $12.00 for room and board. Other teachers who stayed with us were: Thelma Young, Mathilda Hayenga, Ann Tobin, Lila Nord, Elsie Watula, Mary Glant and Karen Andersen.

During the war years it was hard to get hired help, so Alice helped in the field with the harvest. Alice says, "I felt well repaid, as Art bought me an ice box. This was a big help for me in the preparation of meals for the family and teachers." They also raised a big garden.

Alice was Hudson township assessor for many years and held offices in St. John's Ladies Aid and the Homemakers Club.



The Edward Bellon Family

They have one son, Darwin, who was born Sept. 25, 1935. He married Mary Ann Bauer of Stirum Sept. 14, 1964. They have 3 children: Michelle Joan, Sheri Lynn and Shawna Lee. They live on a farm in Hudson township.

Art had 6 brothers and sisters: John, Rosa, Caroline, William and Walter, all deceased, and Lillie Bruns of Oakes.

Alice's brothers and sisters are: Luther (deceased), Margaret, Edward, Erma, Frances, Lorna, Gene, Jesse, and Irene. Her mother, who is 91 years old, lives in the Oakes Good Samaritan Home.

BETTY KUNRATH



Betty, Jason, and Teresa Kunrath

Betty was born April 29, 1949, to Clarence and Mary Jane (Turner) Kunrath. She graduated from the Guelph High School in 1968 and attended the Aberdeen School of Commerce where she received a degree in Senior Accounting in August, 1969. She moved to Omaha in November, 1969, and worked 2½ years for Mutual of Omaha. Since 1972, she has worked at University Hospital in the Insurance department. Betty has 2 children, Teresa and Jason, who are very interested in art work. She has one sister, Linda, and 3 brothers, Steven, Gerald, and Timothy.

CLARENCE AND MARY KUNRATH



The Clarence Kunrath Family (December 1979)

I, Clarence Kunrath, was born March 10, 1923, to William and Anna Kunrath at the farm home in Hudson Township, W½ Sec. 4-130-60.

I went to a rural school in Hudson Township through the grades and through high school in Guelph, graduating in 1940.

The following winter I attended trade school at the N.I. in Ellendale, North Dakota, and National Defense training the following winter, taking welding, machine shop, and auto mechanics. I also helped my father with farming. In 1947, I started farming in partnership with my father until he retired. I have been in livestock and grain farming up to the present time.

On June 13, 1948, I married Mary Jane Turner, daughter of Jack and Jeanette Turner at Oakes, North Dakota. We have 5 children: Betty Kunrath, address - 1903 11th St. Omaha, Nebraska, has 2 children, Teresa and Jason. Steven Kunrath, address - 717 Orchard St., Ortonville, Minnesota, married December 22, 1979, to Julie Bruns (Cameron) from Ortonville, Minnesota. Gerald Kunrath, address - 81 Macdougall Dr., Lincoln, North Dakota, married September 2, 1977, to Ann Adams from Steele, North Dakota. They have 2 children. Linda Kunrath Clapsaddle, address - PSC 1 Box 2713, APO San Francisco, California, married on December 2, 1972, to Richard Clapsaddle from Erie, Kansas. They have 3 children. Timothy Kunrath, address - Oakes, North Dakota, married on August 8, 1981, to Jane Gemar. They have no children. Jane passed away Dec. 7, 1982.



Ann and Gerald Kunrath



Children of Ann and Gerald Kunrath:
Rick - 2½ years, Scott - 10½ months

Mary Jane has 4 sisters, Mable Donovon, Louise Shelton, Delores Beaver and Genevieve Hill, and 1 brother, Sam.

I have 3 sisters, Lorraine Baker, Arlene, and Doris Loepp.

I have been a director on the Dickey County Farmers Union board, a director on the Farmers Union Oil Company of Oakes and the supervisory committee of the Oakes Credit Union which I hold at the present time.



The Dick Clapsaddle Family

DARWIN AND MARY ANN KUNRATH



Darwin Kunrath Family and
Arthur Kunrath Family (Their 50th Anniversary)

Darwin Kunrath, son of Arthur and Alice Kunrath, was born September 25, 1935, at Oakes, North Dakota.

Darwin attended school at the country school north of Guelph. After school, he worked in Fargo at the Fargo Foundry and spent 2 years in the service serving in Germany. Upon returning to Oakes, he farmed. He married Mary Ann Bauer, daughter of Edmund and

Frances (Hicks) Bauer of Stirum, North Dakota. They now farm near Guelph with his dad, Arthur Kunrath, NE¼ Sec. 17-130-60.

Mary Ann attended school at Stirum, North Dakota, and business school in Fargo. She worked in St. Paul, Minnesota, for the welfare department. She returned to Stirum, met and married Darwin. She worked for a while for American Family Insurance, and is township assessor, but mainly a farm wife.

They have 3 children, Shelly, age 14; Sheri, age 13; and Shauna, age 9. They all attend Oakes School and enjoy playing the piano.

PIONEER GEORGE W. KUNRATH AND DESCENDANTS



Mr. and Mrs. George Kunrath

By Granddaughter, Doris Loepp

The following statistics are true to the best of my knowledge. Some facts are confirmed and some are remembered from conversations with my grandfather, Mother and Father.

My grandfather, Wilhelm George Carl Kunrath (known in this area as George W. Kunrath because his first name was hard for the local people to pronounce, so he took George as his first name) was born April 11, 1866 in Weddelbrook, Holstein Germany, son of Marx and Anna Kunrath.

Things became uneasy in Germany so George immigrated to the United States arriving in, which would become Hudson Township on his 18th birthday. He first arrived in Ellendale and stayed with relatives there for about six weeks, waiting for the Maple River to go down so he could cross it.

He first made his home with his brother, John, who lived in a little house across from the Trading Post and Post Office of Hudson. His brother was employed by the newspaper called **"The Hudson Herald"**.

The Midland Continental Railroad had tentative plans to lay track on the west side of the James River near Hudson. Before this was accomplished, the Chicago, Northwestern came through on the east side of the river, thus the city of Oakes sprang up. North Dakota became a state in 1889.

George attended school for a while to learn the English language. He worked for a time for the Soo Line Railroad, as it too was pushing into the territory.

On June 30, 1886, Bertha Gripp, a childhood playmate from Dagling, Germany and George were married. They traveled by horse and buggy to the Bethlehem Lutheran Church Parish house seven miles west of Ellendale to be married, as they wanted to be married by a Lutheran minister. George was one of the founders of St. John's Lutheran Church in Oakes when it was established.

After their marriage, he and Bertha filed a homestead claim a little north and east of where Hudson Farm now stands. Later he built a small house for his family. This house had later additions made to it but it still stands today on the home place.

To this union seven children were born: Walter, who passed away when he was 3 years old, John, Arthur, William (my father), Caroline, Lillian, and Rosa, who died at the age of seventeen of inflamatory rheumatism.

George and his brother farmed together for four years. George died in December of 1948.

I remember many things told to me by my grandfather: the flu epidemic of 1918 and diphtheria epidemics where almost whole families died and were buried many times right on their farms. I remember while going to grade school at Hudson #4 (this being located near the Arthur and Darwin Kunrath farm) that at the school's Christmas party, my grandfather would dress up in a Santa Claus suit and would come into the school house singing "Silent Night, Holy Night" in German. He would then play Santa Claus to the children, handing out bags of candy and nuts. Hudson School #4 was purchased by Walt and Esther Beck and it is now their home.

I remember very little of my grandmother. I do recall her wearing huge aprons and long dresses, and of her kneading bread in a large bread pan. When she died in August 1934, I remember standing on tiptoe and peeking into her casket and asking my sister, Lorraine, "Why is grandma sleeping so long?" She was laid out for viewing in the northeast bedroom at the farm as was the custom in those days.

JOHN KUNRATH

John, the son of Marx and Anna Thies Kunrath, was born in Germany Jan. 12, 1854. He was the first of the Kunrath's to come to the United States. He was in Minneapolis for a time, then came to Ellendale on the Milwaukee Railroad in May or June of 1883. He did farm work that summer in the Ellendale area. In the fall he met some of the Ladd's from Hudson who told him a



Mr. and Mrs. Marx Kunrath

homestead could be bought near their place. The homestead was SE¼ of Sect. 1 in Hudson Township and was held by a man named Shubert. He was tired of homestead life and wanted to return to his home. He sold to John. In that way John acquired a building 14 x 16 feet and some plowing. This was adjacent to the town of Hudson. He worked in the **Hudson Herald** printing shop. He never married. He spent his later years with his brother George and family. He passed away July 25, 1931.



Back row: George and John Kunrath
Front row: Henry, Louis and Peter Kunrath
(Henry and Peter are cousins of George, John, and Louis)

STEVEN AND JULIE KUNRATH

Steven, son of Clarence and Mary (Turner) Kunrath, was born August 31, 1951 in Oakes, North Dakota. He has four brothers and sisters.

He attended school in Guelph and was a member of the last graduating class in 1970.



The Steven Kunrath Family

He married Julie Bruns, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Art Bruns of Ortonville, Minnesota on December 22, 1979. They are the parents of three children: Tracy Ann, Brian Allen, and Shawna Kay.

Today Steven is the Department Head of Jigs and Fixtures at Morris Rod-Weeder in Ortonville, Minnesota, where they now live.

TIMOTHY AND JANE KUNRATH



Tim and Jane Kunrath

Timothy, son of Clarence and Mary Jane (Turner) Kunrath of Oakes, North Dakota, as born December 3, 1959. He has 2 sisters, Betty and Linda, and 2 brothers, Steven and Gerald. Tim attended school in Guelph and graduated from Oakes High School and became parts manager for J.T. Homan Chevrolet at Oakes. He married Jane Gemar, daughter of Kenneth and Florence Gemar of Oakes, North Dakota, on August 8, 1981 at St.

John's Lutheran Church. They lived in his grandmother's farm home.

Jane graduated with a degree in Hairdressing and Cosmotology from Stuarts School of Hair Styling in Aberdeen, South Dakota, and had been employed with Betty's Hair Design in Oakes prior to their marriage. She passed away December 7, 1982, following a long illness with cystic fibrosis.

Her sister is Charlotte Gemar Molstad, and she has 2 brothers, Rick and Daryl.

WILLIAM AND ANNA KUNRATH



William and Anna Kunrath - Golden Wedding Anniversary

By Doris Loepp

My father and mother (Anna Burrow) were married November 19, 1921. Mom told me it was very cold, -20 degrees, and there was a lot of snow. They held their wedding dance in the ground barn on the Patterson Ranch, the then residence of her parents, William and Minnie Burrow. The ranch was located about 1½ miles straight east of where Hudson #4 was. When friends and neighbors were planning to charivari them, they were tipped off and hid in the closet at the Hudson farm.

To this union of Anna and William Kunrath four children were born: Clarence of Oakes, Lorraine Baker of Sacramento, Ca., Arlene of Sacramento, Ca., and Doris Loepp of Wahpeton. All were born at the family farm.

My mother's father was a wanderer and a blacksmith by trade. Being born the eldest in Battle Creek, Iowa, she also lived in Winconsin, South Dakota, and North Dakota, living at the Patterson Ranch at the time of her marriage. My mother assisted the doctor at the birth of her youngest brother, she being about 16, she thought. Anna worked for different families as a hired girl. She was required to cook, clean, mind the children, wash clothes on the scrubboard, bake bread, all with little pay. She also cooked for steam threshing rigs both before and after her marriage. She would bake fresh bread daily for the crew.

My dad, William, in his early years worked for a family by the name of Potter as a farm hand. Later he was drafted into the Navy during World War I. When he was ready to board the train to go to boot camp, word came that the war was over so everyone was sent home. After his marriage he farmed for a while with his father and two brothers, John and Arthur. My father died in May of 1972 having lived his entire life on the Hudson farm.

My mother turned 80 on January 5, 1982 and on September 30, 1981 she was married to Paul Bordt of rural Lisbon, N.D. My mother had lived 60 years on Hudson Farm before she moved to her new home at Lisbon.

I remember a few things during the dirty thirty's: the fine dust that covered everything, dry river beds and eating lard on bread or Karo Syrup on bread for sandwiches for school which became fingerfood by noon. I also remember being along with my sisters, chased by the hereford bull belonging to James Haupt's and of our mother rescuing us west of the place on the big hill in the Model "A" Ford car.

Mr. and Mrs. William Kunrath celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary in their home on September 12, 1971 with open house in the afternoon and evening with members of the family in charge. About 200 family members, relatives and friends attended.

THE SIGVARD KVIGNE FAMILY



Mr. and Mrs. Sig Kvigne

Sigvard Kvigne, middle child of Lars and Tarjar Kvigne, was born on April 10, 1914.

Sigvard, or Sig, as he was affectionately called, was of Norwegian descent. His parents, Lars and Tarjar were both born in Norway and came over separately to America in the early 1900's, Tarjar from Kristiansand, Lars from Laerdal.

They met in the Guelph area and were married in Oakes on February 8, 1908 by Reverend J.H. Lindland in the parsonage.

While Sig's mother, Tarjar, was still living in Norway, her last name was Mjaaland, but for some reason, when they arrived in America, her brothers and she changed their last name to Salverson.



Lars and Tarjar Kvigne

Lars and Tarjar settled down near Guelph and began to farm. Tarjar was often asked to help out the doctor when a new baby was on the way. Sometimes she traveled many rough miles to reach a mother-to-be.

On October 5, 1910, in Ellendale, N.D., Lars and Tarjar Kvigne became citizens of the United States of America.

They had two other children besides Sigvard; Olaf, who was older than Sig, and, Clara, a sister, who lived only eight days after her birth.

Sig attended his first three years of high school in Guelph where he lettered in sports. He finished his high school education in Oakes and then went on to Ellendale to college for a year.

During his college attendance, he met Faith Eunice Morse, daughter of Frank Elliot Morse and Julia (Larson) Morse (Romsdal). Faith had one brother Ralph, two half brothers, Charles and John, and two half sisters, Augusta and Phyllis. Sigvard and Faith were married on March 27, 1933, in the Methodist parsonage in Ellendale.

Faith always got along with Sig's parents just fine. Tarjar, his mother, was always there to help with each baby. Lars, his father, was a good farmer, although he did have quite a time with a turkey once; Lars wanted his turkey to set on some eggs that he had placed in the nest for her, but, the turkey had other plans. When Lars placed the turkey on the nest, it did not stay there. Lars made a grab for the fleeing turkey and wound up amidst a pile of feathers and no turkey to show for his efforts. Sig and Faith often chuckled about this incident, but they never let on to Lars just how funny they thought he was.

Although Sig's parents liked to farm, they longed to return to their homeland. So, in 1922, they had an auction sale and then returned to Norway. Things were not the same for them there, and soon, Tarjar and Lars were back in America.



Olaf and Olga Kvigne

Sig taught school at Zeeland, N.D. for one year and one year at the Domine School near LaMoure. Then Faith and Sig began to farm. Olaf, Sig's brother, was also farming near Guelph. Olaf was married to Olga Mauch. They had five children; Larry, who is deceased, Anna, Delores, Sylvia, and Pam.

Sigvard and Faith had eight children:

Richard Allen was born May 6, 1934 and died May 8, 1934.

Beverly Mae married to John Evans PicKell from Oakes, N.D. September 26, 1955. They have three sons; John is married to Georgette (Silvernagel), Richard, and Louis. All the boys are out of high school; Louis is attending college at Valley City.

Kristen Marie married Vernon Watt from Ellendale on December 31, 1961. Vernon passed away on September 3, 1977. They have six children; Keith Carrol, Rebecca Marie, Jeffrey Dean, Joseph Kevin, Vernon Francis, and Stanley Oscar.

Oscar Edward married Johanna Hollingsworth from Oakes May 31, 1980. Oscar has three daughters from a previous marriage; Roberta is married to Stan Swanson. Bonnie will graduate from Oakes High School in 1983, and Paula attends grade school in Oakes. Johanna has four sons from a previous marriage; Edward and John are both out of high school and working. Jerry is in grade school and Eric, the youngest, is in kindergarten.

Joyce Evelyn lives in Wakefield, Michigan. She was married June 9, 1971, to Lawrence Anderson. She has four children from a previous marriage; Melody Faith, Elizabeth Marie, Bryan Douglas and Peggy Sue. She and Larry have three children; Barbara Marie, Adrian Paul and Susan Jean. Recently a baby daughter was born to Melody Faith, Joyce's oldest daughter.

Karen Kay lives in East Grand Forks. She was married

February 26, 1965, to Sanford Swanson from Oakes. He passed away September 2, 1976. She has one son, Larry, and one daughter, Lee Ann.

Kenneth Dale was born July 27, 1947. He was killed in an accident October 16, 1967.

Nancy Eileen lives in Dassel, Minnesota. She married Clifford Nicholson of Oakes July 1, 1967. They have two children; Adele and Edward, both still in school.

Faith and Sig farmed for over thirty years and then moved into Oakes to live. Sig's father died on April 30, 1953. Incidently, that was the exact same day that Faith's stepfather passed on. Sig's brother, Olaf, died in 1963 and Faith's brother, Ralph, in 1973.

Sigvard is gone now too. He died on August 22, 1982. Faith continued to live in their home in Oakes. Although Sigvard is gone, his memory is still with his family. He was a man with great faith in God, but that did not necessarily make him a somber man. He was full of wit and humor and could tell great stories. Sigvard always made life interesting and worth living, for himself and for those around him. Faith passed away June 4, 1983.

NESTOR AND BERTHA KYLLONEN



Nestor and Bertha Kyllonen - 50th Anniversary - Oct. 1982

Nestor, born in 1905, married Bertha Hill in 1932. Nestor worked as a mechanic at International Harvester Truck Stop in Aberdeen, South Dakota, for 9 years. Four children were born to them:

Kathryn (deceased).

Edward (decesed).

Richard and Robert; Richard had 2 boys and I girl (girl deceased). He lived in Minneapolis 10 years and worked for Steeplejack Automatic Window Washing Company, installing window washers on high-rise buildings, for 5 years. His first job was the Sears Tower in Chicago, which is 110 stories high. Other places were Atlanta, Georgia, Jacksonville, Florida, Los Angeles, Toronto, Canada and New York City. He also made 5 trips to Australia. There he worked in Sidney, Brisbane, Adelaide, and Melbourne. At the present time he lives in Pleasant Hill, California. He is a world traveled free lance writer.

Robert has one child. He also lives in Pleasant Hill, California, and operates a body shop.

Richard and Robert served in the armed forces. Robert served one year in Vietnam.

Nestor and Bertha are residents of Oakes, North Dakota.

THOMAS & VALBORG KYLLONEN



Margaret Tuuri



Helen Tuuri

Thomas Kyllonen was born in Kuhoniemi, Finland, in 1850. His wife, Valborg Keikkinen was born in Kuusama, Finland, in 1858. They were married in Buumangi, Russia, where he was engaged in fishing. Thomas fished in both Russian and Norwegian waters.

He brought his wife and son, John Henry to Republic, Michigan, in 1880 and in 1882 they came to Dickey County. Thomas built the usual sod hut, bought oxen and farm tools and started to work the land. The dry years came and because the dry soil did not yield a living, Thomas Kyllonen with his neighbors, Paul Wiitala and Pesonen went to Ironwood, Michigan, to earn money for the support of his family. The dry years continued and he lost his farm, but as there were plenty of farms to rent he rented one of these. With strict frugality and with a labor force from their own family, the Kyllonens began to prosper. He bought a farm, put up the necessary buildings and expanded his dairy herd.

In 1920, there was a Texas land boom and Thomas also bought a farm there. It was not a financial success, although he spent two winters there.

Valborg Kyllonen died in 1934 and Thomas died in 1940. They were members of the Apostolic Lutheran church.

There were 10 children in the Kyllonen family: John Henry, born in Finland in 1879, lived in Gackle, N.D. He died in 1954.

Axel William, "Bill", born in Republic, Michigan, in 1882, married Hilija Hendrickson in 1905. They had one

daughter, Edna (Mrs. Art West) and a son, Edwin, single, who died in 1953. They lived in Silverleaf.

Aliina Lydia, born in 1884, single, died in 1912.

Walter Jalmar, born in 1886, single, died in 1922.

Kaisa Maria "Mary" (Mrs. Jalmar Korpua) born in 1889, died in 1929. They had four children: Lila (Mrs. Ernest Lematta) lives in Lafayette, Ca., Melba, (Mrs. Preston Forster) lives in LaFayette, Ca., Elanor, (Mrs. Ray Begren) lives in Portland, Oregon. Sylvia died in infancy.

Emil, born in 1891, died in 1964. He was engaged in farming.

Selma, (Mrs. Elmer Tuuri) born in 1893, died in 1979. She had two daughters, Margaret and Helen. Margaret, born May 28, 1929 in Duluth, Mn. makes her home with her sister, Helen, born March 10, 1931 in Guelph, N.D. Margaret and Helen attended rural school in Ada Township and both graduated from Ellendale High School. Seeking employment with Northwestern Bell Telephone Company took Helen to Minneapolis, Mn. after graduating from high school. She is still employed by N.W. Bell.

Oscar Herman born in 1895, is single and lives in Fargo, N.D. He is a retired railroad employee.

Peter, "Pete", born in 1898 owned his own farm near Guelph and was engaged in farming and raising livestock. He died in 1961.

August Nestor born in 1905, married Bertha Hill. They lived in Aberdeen, S.D., where Nestor worked for a farm implement dealer. They now make their home in Oakes, N.D. They had 4 children: Katherine ("Katy"), Eddie, Richard and Robert. Katy and Eddie are deceased and Richard and Robert live in California.

JOHN AND MARIA LAHO

John was born at Kemi, Finland, in 1843, and his wife, Maria Gustava Pesonen, was born at Tervola, Finland, in 1846. They were married in Norway and came from there to America to Calumet, Michigan. In 1873 they came to Dakota terrritory, where they homesteaded in Ada Township, SW½ Sec. 31. There they built a sod house, and Mr. Laho bought a team of oxen with which they worked five acres of land, putting it into wheat the first year. Just as the wheat was ready to harvest, a hail storm destroyed it. There was no choice for him, but to go back to Calumet and work until spring. Mrs. Laho and the children were left here. They suffered much privation since the winter was very severe. They had one cow and few chickens and with the money Mr. Laho sent, they had to get along the best way they could. In the spring, again, they tried with new hope, but it seemed luck was against them. In 1890 the family decided to go back to Calumet; however, two years later, Mrs. Laho and the children accompanied the Charles Daniels family back to their homestead in Ada Township. Mr. Laho worked in Calumet until 1895. In the meantime, Christian (Kuoppala) Isaacson had rented the land.

When Mr. Laho returned, he bought more milk cows, machinery and horses, also, as he was able, extended his farming interest, as the children grew to help with the work.

For over ten years, Mr. Laho was a mail carrier. At first, the mail came to Silverleaf, it was then delivered three times a week to the Abram West home where the post office was located. Shortly after, the mail was picked up at Frederick and taken to the Savo Post Office daily. His route covered about 30 miles and for his services he received $50.00 a month. In 1911 he resigned from his work as mail carrier.

Mr. Laho was also known for his very capable ability in setting broken and dislocated bones, Patients came from as far away as Gackle for treatment.

In a long lifetime, one can have some unusual experiences. One morning Mrs. Laho got up to make the coffee. For some unknown reason the stove pipes came down and also the cans and other items from the shelf nearby. Mrs. Laho put the stove pipes back up and gathered the cans placing them in what she thought their correct order. Soon the coffee was brewing - what a mistake - "It was Peerless". The tobacco and coffee can had been misplaced.

John and Maria had seven daughters and two sons, Liisa (Mrs. Abram Peldo), Kaisa (Mrs. Olli Harjus), Hilda (Mrs. Peter Haapala), Ida (Mrs. Ed West), Anna (Mrs. Oscar Boussu), and Wendla (Mrs. Oscar Ojala). John worked as a carpenter in Hecla, South Dakota and Walter was born in Ada Township, March 1, 1887, and farmed the home place. He died in 1926.

MATT LAHTI

Matt Lahti was born in Alajarvi, Finland, in 1872 and came to America to the vicinity of Ludden, N.D., about 1900 with his wife, Alma. She was also born at Alajarvi. Mr. Lahti worked on the railroad during the years they resided here. Five children were born to them: Matt, Eli, Eino and Anna at Ludden and Julia in Gackle, N.D. The family moved to Gackle in 1907 where Mrs. Lahti passed away shortly after. Mr. Lahti married Anna Turpeela. In 1936 they moved to Cromwell, Minnesota, where Mr. Lahti passed away in 1938.

SALOMON AND HERMAN LAMPI

Salomon Lampi was born at Virtai, Finland, in 1873. He came to Ludden, N.D. community about 1897 and married Mrs. Katie Wanttaja, nee Wuolu, in 1900. They lived on a rented farm near Ludden for several years, and later built a home in town, living there a few years. They were divorced. Mrs. Lampi was married in 1920 to Matt Salakka in Duluth, Mn. He died in 1943.

Herman Lampi, Salomon's brother, came from Ironwood, Michigan, in 1897. He was a "separator man" at Kristian Koskiniemi and William Poykko's threshing rigs. After his marriage, he and his wife, Emelia, farmed for a few years in the Ludden area. A son, Sulo Elon, was born to them at Ludden in 1905. They moved to Bessemer, Michigan.

HENRY AND SOFIA LAURILA

Henry was a native of Finland. He married Sofia Peterson, the widow of Charles (Walimaa) or Peterson in 1902. Sofia was born in Tornio, Finland, and Charles was born in Oulu Diocese, Finland. Shortly after Sofia and Henry Laurlia were married they moved to the Ludden and a few years later bought a home in Ludden. Mr. Luarila worked on the railroad. Mrs. Laurila had three children with her first husband, Charles Walimaa, Jr., Marla Lewina, and Hilma. Mrs. Laurila died in 1912 and Mr. Laurila died June 3, 1917.

KUSTAA LEHTO

Kustaa Lehto was born in Koylio, Finland, in 1872. His wife Johanna was born in the same community. They were married in Finland and came to Ludden in 1904.

Kustaa worked on the Matt Buro farm for a year and then bought a place of his own a short distance from Ludden. Two children were born to them in Finland, Emil and Helmi. Emil died in 1906. Another son, John Emil, was born the same year.

In 1907 the Lehto family moved to Wing, N.D. where they homesteaded. Another daughter, Lydia, was born there.

The Lehto's were members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. Kustaa Lehto died in 1944 and Johanna died in 1948.

EMIL AND MARY LEMATTA



A replica of the Emil Lematta farm in the early 1930's

Emil Lematta was born in Petsamo, Finland, in 1879. In 1882 his parents, Herman and Kaisa Lematta Sr., migrated to North Dakota where they homesteaded in Ada Township S.E. Quarter of Section 32. Emil married Mary Johnson, daughter of Matt and Volberg Johnson. In 1884 her parents homesteaded in Ada Township, N.E. Quarter of Section 27. Her parents were both born in Finland.

Emil and Mary leased his father's farm in 1906 which they farmed until their retirement in 1942. An interesting feature of the farm was the round barn that Herman Sr. built in 1903. When people wanted directions to the farm they were told, "Just drive until you see the round barn."

Emil died in 1945 and Mary in 1969 in Lake Norden, South Dakota, where they retired after selling the farm to Fred and Irene Louma.

To Emil and Mary were born ten children.

Lillian, born January 12, 1905, married Fred Kangas (deceased) of Lake Norden, South Dakota. They have two children, Kenneth and Mary Jean, and 20 grandchildren.

Edwin, born January 12, 1906, married Helmi Hautala in Berkeley, California. They have one daughter, Ilona and one grandchild. Edwin died June 28, 1975.

Alice, born October 3, 1907, married Milton Auvinen (deceased) in Minneapolis, Minnesota. They have four children, Dennis, Susan, Mary Ann, and Tom, and 12 grandchildren. Alice died October 30, 1976.

Hilda, born September 4, 1909, married Cleo Hunsaker (deceased) in California. They have one daughter, Kathleen, and two grandchildren. Hilda is remarried to Carl Lundman, Groton, South Dakota, where they presently reside.

Nina, born November 8, 1911, is not married. She lives in Enderlin, North Dakota.

Viola, born January 1, 1913, married George Lehto (deceased) of Minneapolis, Minnesota. They had one son, George.

Ernest, born April 21, 1914,married Lila Korpua of Guelph, North Dakota. They have no children and live in Lafayette, California. Lila's grandparents were both original homesteaders in Dickey County. Johan and Kaisa Korpua homesteaded in Lovell Township, N.E. Quarter, Section 35. Thomas and Volberg Kyllonen homesteaded in Ada Township, S.W. Quarter, Section 28.

Adrian, born July 9, 1916, married Elaine Franke Rochester, Minnesota. They have one daughter, Kay, and two grandchildren. They live in Golden Valley, Minnesota.

Helen, born August 2, 1920, married John Fredericks, Winters, California. They have two sons, John and David, and two grandchildren.

Esther, born May 31, 1922, married Thomas Nicholson, Ellendale, North Dakota. They have one daughter, Joyce, and two grandchildren. They presently live in Scapoose, Oregon.

Emil Lematta was active in the public life of the community, serving on the Township Board for 20 years. He also was an assessor and served on the School Board. Emil was on the Board of Trustees of the Apostolic Lutheran Church and was a deacon of the church.

WAYNE AND LAURA LEMATTA

Wayne, the son of Herman and Aina Henhela Lematta, Jr. was born May 22, 1926, in the farm home near Guelph. He attended rural school in Ada township.

Wayne married Laura L. Barton, the daughter of Earl and Vera Payton Barton, June 20, 1948. She was born August 28, 1927, at Glover, North Dakota.

Wayne and Laura purchased the Lematta home farm from the family estate and farmed there until Wayne contracted polio and couldn't farm anymore. In 1955 Wayne became Dickey County Auditor and still holds that position. They now live on a farm in Van Meter township, NE 10-129-62.

They have two children, Linda, born in 1955, is married to Dale Kessler of Aberdeen, S.D. They live in Jamestown. Daryl was born in 1959 and is married to Wonada Mittleider of Ellendale. They live on Sec. 3 of Van Meter township. They have two children, Justin, age 4 and Joshua, age 2.

Wayne has 8 brothers and sisters: Arnold (deceased), Frances in Eveleth, Minnesota, Lola (deceased), Edward (deceased), Enright in Tacoma, Washington, Ruth in Wasco, California, Howard in Eugene, Oregon, and Robert in Kansas City, Missouri.

Mrs. Lematta has 6 brothers and sisters: Kenneth of Monango, N.D., Robert and Lawrence, both of Ellendale, Raymond of Frederick, S.D., Darlene of Aberdeen, S.D., and Earlene of Huron, S.D.

MARY JANE (COTTEN) LEWIS



The Gilbert Lewis Family

Mary Jane Cotten Lewis, daughter of Harley and Frances Ruby (Guss) Cotten, was born in Oakes, October 7, 1945. She married Gilbert Thomas Lewis, son of Thomas and Dora (Hein) Lewis, in Aberdeen, S.D.

They have six children: Gary Eugene Lundberg, Olathe, Kansas; Margie Ann Lewis; Beverly Ann Lewis; Alan Michael Lewis; Christel Ann Lewis; and Richard Alan Lewis.

They live in Oakes where Gil works for Economy Oil.

Mary Jane has 3 sisters and 1 brother: Joyce Cotten Ulmer, Edgeley, N.D.; Florence Cotten Mitzel, Maddock, N.D.; Gary Cotten, Chicago, Ill.; Shirley Ann Pfeifer, W. Fargo, N.D.

Gilbert has 3 sisters and 2 brothers: Donna Zito, California; Eunice Clow, Mass.; Lyle Klefsted, Forman, N.D.; Norman Lewis, Billings, Mont.; Willard Lewis, California.

HERMAN LIIMATTA, SR., AND PETER LIIMATTA

By Hilda Liimatta Lundman

Herman Liimatta was born in Finland in 1852. His brother, Peter, was also born in Finland. Unfortunate living conditions at that time in Finland compelled Herman and Peter to seek livelihood elsewhere. Herman wearing his first pair of leather shoes--which he had made himself--left home with his brother, Peter. They went to Russia, and from there to Norway, where they made their living as fishermen. On one occasion, a furious storm overtook their boat. They rode the raging waves to shore and clung to rocks until the next waves washed them closer to shore and finally to safety.

Herman and Kaisa Haag, born in Finland in 1859, were married at Petsamo, Finland, in 1878. From Petsamo, they--along with Peter--moved to Bummargin, Russia, where they learned the Russian language and where Herman and Peter engaged in fishing. They lived in Russia for 12 years. Three children were born there to Herman and Kaisa--namely, Emil in 1878, Clara in 1880, and Herman, Jr., in 1882.

A desire to own his own land caused Herman to join others in migration to America. Herman, his wife and children, and brother Peter, arrived in America in 1882. They first lived in Minnesota, where they lived in a one-room cabin--and during the first winter, shared it with another immigrant family.

Herman, tired of clearing away trees for cropland, decided to go to Dakota--which he had heard about in far-off Norway. He walked to New York Mills and took the train to Jamestown, N.D., where in the spring of 1883, the James River was at flood stage, which compelled him to wait in Jamestown for the flood to subside before continuing by stagecoach to the Frederick area. He walked in a northeasterly direction from Frederick for two weeks--looking over the land until he found what he wanted. He filed a homestead claim on S.W. ¼ of Sec. 32 for himself, and marked the S.E. ¼ of Sec. 32 for his brother Peter--who later filed a claim in Ada Township, Dickey County, North Dakota. Herman constructed a sod house and then returned to Minnesota for his family.

Hardships similar to other settlers were common to them. In their case, it was a shortage of water. Several wells were dug with no success, and it was necessary to

haul barrels of water from neighbors' wells. Herman dug a 110-foot well which had a sand bank at 80 foot depth. A ditch was then dug from a nearby slough to this well. In the spring, the well filled up and in this way, there was a temporary supply of water. In 1901, Herman had an artesian well drilled on his land--thus ending the water shortage. It was the first of its kind in the area. People from near and far came to taste the water, and thought Nature had provided a remedy because the water was salty. One time, visitors from Minnesota took back a 10-gallon can of the water, believing it had medicinal qualities. He served it to guests at his son's wedding!

Herman Liimatta's family increased with the birth of Joseph in 1887, Josephino in 1889, Gideon in 1891, Edward in 1892, and Mary in 1894. Three children died in infancy. Herman and Kaisa had 56 grandchildren.

They quit farming after having leased all their land to their sons, but maintained their residence in Van Meter township. Their home was a center of hospitality from the early days. Missionaries who were called to the community were graciously welcomed by them.

Mrs. Herman Liimatta, Sr., passed away in 1937, and Herman, Sr., in 1939. They were members of the Apostolic Lutheran Church. Peter Liimatta made his home with his brother, and died in 1906.

Their son, Emil Liimatta, farmed their homestead land. (See Emil Liimatta history).

JOHN WALLACE LINVILL

By great-granddaughter, Lovice Vioghtman

In 1906 my great-grandfather came to North Dakota from Utica, Nebraska to begin farming in this comparatively new land. John Linvill, his wife Margaret and twins William and Grace, settled on land purchased in Port Emma township, the description being E½ of 10-129-60 and E 80 of 15-129-60. He built a lovely big home and a fine set of buildings which included a granary with a grain leg and overhead bins - a very modern facility for 1906. With the help of his son, Will, he started working his land in earnest. He wrote glowing letters to family and friends back in Nebraska and Iowa. He told them of the rich, fertile land, "as far as the eye could see" and "so inexpensive to buy." He once told a neighbor that, unlike Nebraska, you didn't have to plow up to the line fence, there was plenty of land to turn around on. And "if you need more land just acquire the piece next to you."

In 1917 John and Margaret Linvill celebrated their Golden Anniversary. All six of their children came for the big day!

While here visiting, the eldest son, Frank was encouraged by his father to come to North Dakota. My Grandfather liked what he saw and had been here visiting upon other occasions, so in 1920 he did indeed move to Dickey County, bringing with him his daughter and family, my parents, Fred and Sadie Voightman. It must have been some trip for mother! She had a 3



John W. Linvill home.



Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Linvill and family on their Golden Wedding Anniversary - Oct. 1917. Standing, left to right: Celestie Townsend, Alice Montgomery-Hubbard, John Linvill, Frank Linvill. Seated, left to right: John W. Linvill, twins William and Grace Linvill, Margaret Linvill.

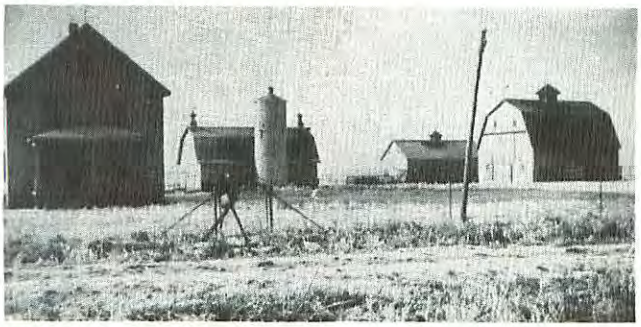
year old daughter, Maralee, and me — three months old, plus the fact that it was October in North Dakota and already very cold! Both families lived on Baldwin Ranch 6 north of Guelph. Harold Henninger is the present owner of that farm.

At the end of the first year there, my grandparents moved to the old Linvill farm since Great-grandpa had retired and moved to Ellendale.

In 1921, a very severe tornado ripped through the area, taking many homes and farm buildings in its wide path, among which was the barn on the Linvill farm. It was rebuilt immediately thereafter.

My folks moved to a farm northwest of Guelph where their third daughter, Fredetta was born in February 1922; and the following year found us moving again - back to the Guelph area, this time to the farm recently owned by Marvin Aarons. In 1923, Maralee was 6 years old and must start school. In as much as our local school was a long way from the farm, they enrolled her in the Port Emma school on Highway 11 just 1 mile north of the Linvill farm and she stayed with Grandpa and Grandma Linvill during that school year. It was quite a miserable year for the poor little first grader since the winter was a typical cold, snow laden one, thus she didn't get to see the rest of us very often.

As a three year old, I remember three incidents that took place while we lived there. One was a very bad hail storm with high winds which broke the big window on



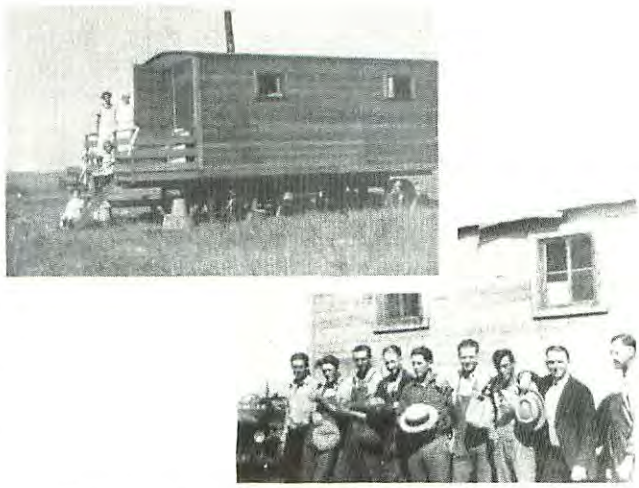
Baldwin Ranch No. 6, Ist home of the Frank Linvills and Fred Voightmans.



Voightman's 3rd farm, 1923. Now Marvin Aarons place.



Voightman's 4th farm, now owned by Larry Thorpe.



Cook-car and crew on the Linvill farm - 1924 - 1928.

the west side of the house. We girls were terribly frightened, of course, and what a mess Mother had to clean up. Needless to say, the crop was a total disaster.

The second scary time was a severe thunderstorm when a bolt of lightning hit the north corner of the house and splintered the eaves, siding and window casing. Dad said it was a "cold strike" so it didn't cause a fire.

And then the third memory was both good and bad. We had a mare that was going to have a colt. She disappeared from the building site and the next day the foal came home whinnying. Dad went out to find its mother and she had died giving birth. We adored the little filly and fed her on a bottle untill she could care for herself.

In 1924 we moved again. We loved the place we were on, but the move seemed wise for several reasons. Grandpa needed help with his farming; we needed to be near to a school for Maralee and when a farm came up for rent near the grandparents, it seemed right to move. So we did. That farm is the one Larry Thorpe lives on now.

I have many happy memories while we lived there. Swimming and boating, (the "boat" was a raft made from the garage door) on the Jim River which went through our pasture to the east of the building site. We took advantage of skating and sledding in the winter. We used to go to whist parties at Hyatt's, Baldwin's and Botts' in Ludden by way of a big sled crossing the river with a team, and good old bricks keeping our toes warm.

It wasn't all fun and games however, as we girls had chores to do, the one we hated the most was picking up corn cobs in the hog lot. Ish! They kept the cook stove going for those super suppers Mom was good at preparing.

Noboby could cook as good as our Grandmother, though and we really enjoyed our Holiday feasts at her house, especially the homemade ice cream.

Our grandparents were a "soft touch" so when the folks insisted that we walk to school even though we thought it was too cold - we would "act" really cold as we were passing Grandma's house. She would call us in to "warm up" while Grandpa was getting his car started to take us the rest of the way, Grandma put some "special" cookies in our lunch pails. I'm sure we weren't helping the family relations by pulling our little stunt, but it sure beat walking.

Another fond memory that stands out clearly is the old cook-car. Dad and Grandpa bought a threshing machine and did custom threshing for the neighbors. Mom and Grandma fed the 15 or so crew members in the cook-car. Meals were prepared and served in there. I remember the awful heat when it was 100° outside and the cookstove was going strong preparing the noon meal. I wonder how long we could stand that these days!

Dad and Grandpa had their trials too. Many of the men who "hired on" were pretty tough characters and fights were inevitable. Separating them without receiving a punch or two themselves was no easy task.

Grandma and Grandpa remained on the farm until the mid-thirties, at which time they retired to Sioux City, Iowa to spend their remaining days.

RALPH AND MARY LINVILL



Ralph and Mary Linvill, Anne and Margaret

Ralph, the son of William Bevard and Gertrude Bessie Linvill, was born in Guelph March 30, 1928. He attended school in Guelph and graduated from high school there in 1946. He attended NI in Ellendale and graduated from there. He farmed with his father. He served as secretary of the Dickey County Farm Bureau and an agent for Nodak Mutual Insurance Co. for about 10 years. He worked for 2 winters for the North Dakota Farm Bureau doing organizational work and one year selling Blue Cross-Blue Shield.

In 1962 he moved to Minneapolis. He worked a while for the State of Minnesota for about 2 years, then worked for Vocational Rehabilitation for about 5 years until going into real estate full time. He is now building and developing office/warehouses in the Burnsville area of the twin cities.

August 31, 1963 he married Mary, the daughter of Mathias E. and Mary Tetiva Hesch of Buckman, Minnesota. She was born in Buckman October 17, 1927. Ralph and Mary have 2 daughters, Margaret Dolores and Anne Marie Elizabeth.

At present the Linvills reside in Edina, Minnesota.

WILLIAM AND GERTRUDE LINVILL

In 1907, my father, William, who lived in Utica, Nebraska, at that time, moved with his father and mother, John Wallace and Margaret Linvill, to North Dakota, coming by train to Ludden,and unloading there. They went out to the farm to which they had come a year earlier and had built part of the farm buildings so that they'd have shelter when they moved. This farm is located north of Vistos, the SE¼ 10-129-60. My father bought the quarter which I still own which is



Gertrude (Puffer) Linvill



William Linvill

south of Larry Thorpes - W½ 14-129-60 and my grandfather and his sisters bought from Vistos north to Highway 11 and east to where Evelyn Montgomery lives NE 10and NW 11-129-60.

In 1912 my father, William, married Gertrude Bessie Puffer, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M.H. Puffer who were among the first settlers in Guelph. She was born in Guelph, May 24, 1885. My father and mother continued to live on the farm as my grandfather and his wife moved to Ellendale.

The story is told that when my father was courting my mother, Sanford Baker was courting Gina and they would often meet with their buggies late at night. Sanford would be coming home from Courtneys and my dad would be coming home from Puffers.

In about 1918, my father and mother moved to the farm northeast of Garth Holmes (SE¼ 8-129-60). I was born here in 1928. They rented this farm from my uncle Lute Puffer until 1935 when they bought and moved to the farm north of Guelph where we lived until my mother passed away December 20, 1958. We shut down our farm operations in 1960. At the time we shut down we owned about 800 acres. In 1968 we sold the farm to Ray and Janet Burkhardt.

After I married and went to live in Minneapolis, my father came and lived with us. He passed away there September 14, 1968. He had been born in Utica, Nebraska, July 5, 1882.

Other members of the Linvill family who came up to Guelph about the same time as my father came into North Dakota: Alice who was married to John Montgomery (parents of Jack) lived on the north side of the road where Lynn Voightman lives now. There were also two sisters of my grandfather who were older, Sarah Amanda Linvill Payne and Margaret Jane Linvill Fleming, who came up and bought land and lived in Ludden. They then moved to Ellendale where they passed away. Celeste Townsend, my dad's sister, who some may remember as the wife of Louis Townsend who used to work for Holtes in the furniture business and the mortuary, farmed for a while at Ludden, and owned the quarter that Vistos now own (NE¼ 10-129-60). They lived in Ludden at that time. Lynn Voightman's mother was Sadie who was the daughter of Frank Linvill who also came up. They farmed north of Guelph on the Henninger farm now, and another farm

west of that. At the time that my parents moved onto the Puffer farm, Frank took over the Linvill farm in 1918, and farmed there until the mid-30's when he moved to Sioux City, Iowa. At that time the farm became a rental and several people lived on it, including Charlie Maddock, until the farm was finally sold back to Lynn Voightman; so the farm has stayed in the Linvill family or its heirs since 1907. My father was a twin, his twin sister was Grace. She never lived in the Guelph area, but lived her life in Kalispell, Montana, and in Santa Cruz, California.

Under the category of little known facts, my father told me that when he broke the sod on the quarter which I now own south of Larry Thorpe's, there was a cellar hole on the south end of the quarter which has been filled up. When they broke the sod, there were two distinct graves when the plows turned the sod. There seems to be no known record of who the people were; no one exhumed the graves to see, but my father was very emphatic that these had to be probably the graves of the pioneers who had come in earlier. They had passed away and were buried next to their, probably, homesite.

My mother taught school in the early years of their marriage. She taught the Boss School, the Baker School and was principal of the Guelph School when it was a two-year high school. She always told with pride she could always win the Dickey County rally, because she could always depend upon the German boys to be the fastest in the foot race and any other athletic events, because they always ran to school and seemed always to be in top form. Many humorous stories were told by my mother about them--and you can check with Leo. He can probably fill you in on some of these things.

My parents were both members of the Guelph Methodist Church and both are buried at Ellendale Cemetery. My mother was born in the old Puffer house down in the trees, which I think the remains are still standing. The interesting point is that it was Dakota Territory, not North Dakota, at the time of her birth.

My grandfather Puffer homesteaded and plotted out the area north of the road which was called Centralia; of course, the town of Guelph prevailed when it came to a post office. I am enclosing one of the copies of the sales slips that he used to give anybody who would want to purchase a lot. Many of these lots were built on, but some of it has been converted back into farmland. This was the Puffer homestead and half a mile west where Vern Courtney used to live was a tree claim quarter, where if one would plant trees on, he was then given the second quarter of land from the government.

My grandfather was originally born in Iowa, he fought with the 11th Iowa Infantry in the Civil War after which he moved to Utica, Nebraska, where he raised his family before coming to the Guelph area. He bought his first car after moving to Ellendale at the age of 71 years; a Studebaker, but going around the corner one day, he bent the fender and took it to Aberdeen, had it repaired and said he wasn't going to explain to anyone why he had a bent fender on his car. He found that a much easier way to solve the problem.

The size of the original Linvill farm in 1907 was about five quarters which I understand, operated with horses, was considered a fair-sized farm, but certainly would be small by today's standards.

William Linvill was clerk of the Hudson Town Board for several years after moving to the farm north of Guelph.

My grandfather was a carpenter before going to the Civil War and operated a sawmill in northeast Iowa. In 1916, when the cyclone blew all the buildings on the Linvill farm away with the exception of the house and the grain elevator, the carpenters were building a new barn with only the rafters up when my mother looked out and saw my grandfather walking along on top of the barn showing the carpenters what to do. Being a young bride, she went to my dad and said, "I'm afraid that man will fall; he's us too high, don't you realize he's over 75 years old?" My father informed her that his father was very used to that, and would be very hurt if she said anything, and that he undoubtedly felt very safe, and to just leave him alone. She was very worried, and was very happy to see him get down off that roof.

ALEX (ALEXANDER) LIRZER



Alex Lirzer with Frank and Ruby Meyer

Alex (Alexander) Lirzer was born in Gros Krien, Austria, on October 24, 1892. In 1913, at the age of 21 he came to the United States and settled in New York City with his brother until 1915 when he came to Liberty Township, Hecla, S. Dak.

He worked as a farm laborer for several years and then farmed for himself on the Andren Armour farm.

He was married to Emma A. (Forester) Wood at Aberdeen, S. Dak. on February 28, 1929. They had twin girls born (premature) in 1931. Rose Mary was born at Aberdeen, S. Dak. on February 1, 1933.

They moved to Van Meter township, Silverleaf, N. Dak. They lived in this area and Guelph area until he purchased a farm east of Ludden, W½ of Sec. 12-129-59 in 1948.

He had a stepson, Joe Wood, also two grandsons Michael and Anthony Huber and seven step grandchildren: Joe, Jon, Dona, Laura, Patricia, Kathleen and Michell.

He farmed there until his retirement in 1970 when he moved to Ludden, N.D. He purchased the old

Heinie Meyers Cafe.

Alex lived for a short time at the Good Samaritan Home where he died June 27, 1980.

ROBERT AND DORIS LOEPP

Robert, the son of Emil and Ruth Fey Loepp was born in Oakes on Nov. 26, 1929. He married Doris Kunrath, July 6, 1950. She is the daughter of William and Anna Burrow Kunrath and was born March 6, 1931. She has a brother, Clarence, on the farm his parents owned and 2 sisters, Lorraine and Arlene both living in Sacramento, California.

Doris attended her freshman and sophomore years in the Guelph school and finished the rest in Oakes.

The Loepp's have 2 children, a daughter Fae Elizabeth married to James Rowe of Oakes, and a son, James who lives in Lisbon.

Doris worked one year as a nurses aide in the Oakes Hospital, 17 years with Northwestern Bell in Oakes and Wahpeton and 6 years as office manager of D & E Machinery Inc. She is still employed there. Robert is foreman of the Ottertail Company warehouse.

THOMAS AND GENEVA (VAN METER) LOVELL

Thomas was born February 7, 1839 in Marathon, New York. He moved, with his parents, to Kaneville, Illinois, where he lived to manhood and was married to Rachel Cornwell.

Thomas served his country during the Civil War. In 1883 he came to Dickey County, locating on a claim near Ludden, N.D. He was always ready to help the sick and afflicted and during his residence at Ludden he and his team were always available to those in need. He was most humane to dumb animals and always gave them the best of care.

Rachel, his wife, passed away at Ludden, N.D. in April, 1896. Mr. Lovell then married Geneva M. Van Meter on Oct. 15, 1897.

Geneva was born in Independence, Mo., January 11, 1858 and grew to young womanhood in London, Ohio. On July 26, 1883 she married Robert Van Meter, who was the editor of the Ellendale Commercial paper. There were five children born in this marriage. The first died in infancy. The others were: Florence E. (Mrs. Arthur Webb), Edwin, Hattie and Herbert. Mr. Van Meter died February 2, 1895, due to a gasoline explosion in his printing office. His wife carried on the newspaper until the following year. Mrs. Van Meter married Thomas Lovell. They lived in Ludden for a number of years. Mr. Lovell died April 21, 1920.

Mrs. Lovell served in the public school for 25 years, some of which was taught in Ludden. For eight years she was County Supt. of Schools. She passed away Jan. 21, 1921 at Santa Ana, California.

JOHN AND CAROLINE LUND



John and Caroline Lund home early 1900

John Peter Lund and Caroline Rehder Lund arrived in North Dakota in 1902. They purchased a farm in Hudson township (NW¼ of Sec. 2-130-60), and farmed until 1921. There were 4 sons and 2 daughters, William, Henry, Harry and George, all deceased. Tillie (Mrs. Julius Honl) deceased and Liz (Mrs. Mike Danklefsen), now living in Miles City, Montana; she is 96 years old and still dancing.

William continued to farm near the home place. In 1917 he married Alma Gemar and to them 4 children were born: Lorraine (Mrs. Lawrence Spear), deceased, their children are Clinton, Sheila, Jerry, Darlene (deceased), Ray and Roy, twins, Inez (Mrs. Ed Wyman), deceased. She and Ed had 2 daughters both residing in California.



Four generations: Mrs. Lawrence Spear (Lorraine Lund), Mrs. Wm. Lund, Mrs. Peter Gemar holding great grandchild Sheila Spear.

William lives in Lisbon, North Dakota.

John married Lois Rasmussen June 28, 1945. They now live in Bismarck, N.D. John has been in saleswork and now is semi-retired and raises Arabian horses. Lois is Deputy Register of Deeds for Burleigh County, Bismarck. Son Jack lives in Minneapolis and is service manager for D.C. Hey Co. Daughter Debra is in Bismarck employed by Assessing Department, Burleigh County. Grandson Skyler John Ryan is in the first grade.



Mr. and Mrs. (Inez Lund) Ed Wyman

WILLIAM AND RAMONA LUND

William James Lund, son of William H. and Alma (Gemar) Lund was born May 1, 1926 at Oakes, N.D. He attended school at Hudson #3. One of the things quote "I remember Jim Savage was my 1st and 2nd grade teacher. He didn't believe in sparing the rod and spoiling the child - how times have changed. My brother, John, didn't like school or the teacher so he would hide in a tiny brooder coop all day to escape school. The Kendall Bridge and gravel pit where we used to fish and swim still hold fond memories for me. It was a gathering place for many." I had 2 sisters, Lorraine (Mrs. Lawrence Spear), deceased and Inez (Mrs. Ed. Wyman), deceased, and 1 brother, John at Bismarck.

Ramona and I were married August 28, 1949. We have four children: Dennis in Fargo, N.D., Randi married Bonnie Strom and lives in Mandan, N.D., LaMonte married Susan Saunders. They have three children and live in Bismarck, N.D. Myrna is married and lives in Englevale.

We live in Lisbon and I am foreman for Ottertail Power Co.

ALBE LUOMA



Albe Luoma family picnic.

Albe Luoma, born in Perho, V. L., Finland in 1888, left his birthplace in 1905 and came to the state of Michigan. After traveling extensively, working in the coal mines in Rock Springs, Wyoming, then seeking farm work, he came to Ludden, N.D. He was united in marriage to Charlotta Holmstrom. She was born in 1887 at Hecla, S.D. to Emanuel and Anna Holmstrom. They lived on Henry Ahman's farm and in 1929 they bought the Henry Althouse farm in Lovell township. There they were engaged in farming and cattle raising.

Albe Luoma died at his farm home in 1947. Mrs. Luoma sold the farm to her son, Frank, and bought a house in Ludden in 1948. She lived there until her death in 1954. They were members of the Apostolic Lutheran Church.

Their children are as follows: Two daughers died in infancy. Frank (See Frank Luoma history).

Fred was united in marriage to Irene Salstrom, daugher of Richard and Hilda Salstrom. They live on their own farm in Ada township on Sec. 32 - the late Mr. and Mrs. Herman Lematta, Sr. homestead, which they bought from Mr. and Mrs. Emil Lematta. He extended his farming by buying some more land.



Fred and Irene Luoma farm.

Mae (Mrs Delbert Salstrom) (See Salstrom history).

Helen was united in marriage to Bernard Luoma, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Luoma of Frederick, S.D. They bought a farm in Savo township where their two children, Donna and Dennis were born. Donna married Gordon McLaughlin and they have one son, Clark, and live in Oakes, N.D. Dennis is a Viet Nam veteran, lives on his father's farm and is working as an Aberdeen city fireman. He has two sons, Christopher and Jeremy. Helen died in 1978 at the age of 56.

Wilma was united in marriage to Ernest Schwarting, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Schwarting of Hecla, S.D. They farmed for three years in the Hecla, S.D. area and Van

Meter township, N.D. They moved to Ludden, N .D. in 1948 where they established their home and business (Schwarting Repair). They have two children, Maurice and Judy. Maurice served in the air force for four years and after his discharge he came back to Ludden where he is in partnership with his father. Judy married Lonnie Sarrott of Casper, Wyoming. They have one daughter, Stacey, and live in Anaheim, CA. where they own and operate their realty business.

Nelma was united in marriage in 1946 to Willis Nelson, son of Alice and Otto Nelson. They farmed for 23 years in Vivian township and in 1974 purchased and moved to the Emil and Mamie Dethlefsen farm located nine miles from Oakes. Nelma has been employed as a bookkeeper for various firms over the years. They have three married sons - Roger, Steven and Lee and one daughter, Karen (Mrs. Tim Smith). Roger and Bonnie live in Enumclaw, WA. They have three sons, Aaron, Kaal, and Gavin. Steven and Peggy and their three children, Christina, Stephanie and Shay live on a farm near Stirum, ND. Lee and Joyce live on a farm near Oakes. Lee is engaged in farming with his father. They have a son, Jamie, and a daughter, Jessica. Karen and Tim have a son, Ross Prentice. They live on a farm near Crete, ND and are both employed in Oakes.

Irene was united in marriage to Floyd Palensky, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Palensky of Crete, N.D. in 1947. They farmed for 20 years in the Crete, N.D. area in Denver township, Sargent County. They moved to Auburn, Washington in 1967 and to Enumclaw, Washington, in 1976 where they now make their home. Floyd and his sons own Far Construction.

Floyd and Irene have two sons, Jerry and Allen. Jerry is married to Penny Courtnage and they have two children, Deanne and Roger. Allen is married to Cheryl Warren and they have three children, Willie Joe, Ariana, and Travis. Irene and Floyd's daughter, Linda, was killed in a car accident in North Dakota in 1967.

FRANK AND HILDA LUOMA



Frank and Hilda Luoma - 1965.

Frank Luoma was born at Aberdeen, S.D. on February 19, 1911. Hilda Visto was born at Gackle, N.D. on September 16, 1918. They were married August 15 1939 at Ellendale and lived with his parents for two years on their farm east of Ludden on SE¼ of Sec. 4-129-59. Their son John was born here on November 1 1940. In 1941, Frank and Hilda moved to a farm northeast of Guelph on the NW¼ of Sec. 27-130-60. A son was born on April 6, 1942, but died three weeks later from pneumonia. Hilda relates: "the last part of September we got a lot of snow and cold weather. We had 20 sacks of potatoes and they froze. After that the weather got a little nicer. Later that winter 1942-1943 was severe. We were isolated for three months with no mail delivery and for a month and a half we didn't have a radio because the mice ate the insides, so we seemed lost without the radio. We had limited food supplies kindling and coal. It was so cold in the house that our potatoes we bought even froze by the heater.

A neighbor, Jake Newman, and Frank hauled cream cans by horses and sleigh through deep snow to the railroad about one mile. Frank hauled drinking water from the nearest neighbor, trudging through deep snow for a distance of a half mile. Our diet consisted of home canned tomatoes which we made into soup milk, bread, and butter. We had 100 hens and five milk cows. The milk was all carried into the house, separated and carried back to the barn for the calves. We melted snow in the boiler and the stove reservoir in the kitchen range so we would have water to wash dishes and clothes. The snow banks were so high we could see only the peak of the house."

In April, Frank got a ride to Oakes so he rented a farm south of Ludden, 80 acres in the SE¼ of Sec. 24-129-59. Then in April, they moved to a farm south of Ludden and lived for two weeks with Abiel and Maria Starkka. The Starkka family lived in the kitchen bedroom and upstairs, while Frank and his family lived in the living room. The Starkka family then loaded everything in a semi: farm machinery, cattle, and household goods and moved to Brainerd, MN.

Joyce was born on February 2, 1945. Then in 1947 Frank and Hilda purchased the Albe Luoma farm east of Ludden on the E½ of Sec. 4-129-59 and moved to this farm.

John married Janet Andrew. They live in Muscatine, Iowa and have 2 children: Eric was born February 12 1968 and Amy, February 26, 1972.

Joyce married Robert Danforth. They live in Elk River MN., and have 2 children: Jennifer, born December 24 1971, and Jonathan born November 22, 1974.

Frank was always active in community affairs and had served in various farm organizations as a board member. He passed away June 28, 1977. Hilda continues to live on the farm near Ludden.

Others who have lived on this farm and owned it have been: Charles and Cora Randall in 1905, William and Minnie Althouse and Oscar Althouse in 1914, and Albe Luoma, April 1929.

Frank and Hilda also purchased the old Esterby farm from Emily Laive Esterby in 1971 (80 acres) and 80 acres from John Jesse Esterby in 1973, the SE¼ of Sec. 3-129-59. Then in 1975, Frank and Hilda sold the farm to Ron and Joan Ray. In 1980, the Ray's sold the farm to David and Judi DeWall. Since David DeWall was not able to do

any farming because of poor health, he moved with the family to New York in 1981. Ron and Joan Ray are living on the DeWall farm. Hilda has part interest in the farm.

The old Esterby farm was owned by John and Anna McIntyre in 1892; Elizabeth Herring, Julia nad Thomas Hasset in 1898; Elizabeth and Sidney Mullin in 1907 and Knudt K. Esterby in 1919. Emily Laive Esterby sold this place to Frank and Hilda Luoma.



Emily Laive Esterby - 94 years old.

Emily Laive Esterby is the only one of the children living and is 94 or 95 years old now. Her parents, four brothers and one sister passed away. She lives at Charlo, MT at the present time.

FIVE GENERATIONS OF MADDOCKS IN DICKEY COUNTY



Charlie and Grace Maddock

The first Maddocks to make their homes in Dickey County were Lonnie (Alonzo) and Charles Maddock families who arrived from Kokomo, Indiana in March 1907. They had puchased adjoining farms in Hudson Township.

They brought their household goods, horses, cows, and some farm machinery in an emigrant car that came to Ludden. Lonnie accompanied the shipment while Charles, wife Grace, and children, Harold, Pauline, and Wallace, and Lonnie's wife, Kate, and daughter Alta, came by passenger train to Oakes. Shortly afterward the families moved out to their farms. Lonnie had a two-story, two-room frame house with a porch used as a summer kitchen. Charles had a two-story, three-room frame house. Lonnie had on his place a straw-shed shelter for animals until he built a barn in 1910. This barn was later destroyed in the tornado of 1921. He built a new seven-room house in 1916. This house is still there and now the home of Gary Hauser, 3½ miles northeast of Guelph.

Charles' farm had a fair-sized barn which was used continuously until they lost the farm in 1932. His seven-room house was built in 1914. During the 1960's, it was moved to what was then the Ben Scheffert farm in Port Emma Township and is there today. No longer are there any buildings on that farm of Charles', but the artesian well he had dug still trickles some and until recently poplars and boxelder trees he planted still stood.

Four more children were born to the Charles Maddocks: Genevieve, Alice (died at 3 months), Ruth and John.

These two Maddock families were joined by two more coming from Indiana in 1909. Their brothers, Harry with wife Myrtle, and daughter, Theta, and Logan with wife, Eva, and daughters, Leonia and Wilma.

Logan came to a farm ¾mile west of Lonnie's. Little is left there today except the fine grove of trees he planted. Perhaps the artesian well he had dug still flows some. The big barn he had at one time was severely damaged in the 1921 tornado as well as a granary. The house burned sometime in the 1930's.

Harry, on his arrival in 1909, took his family to a farm 3½ miles east of Guelph, close to where the Port Emma elevator once stood, and just east of Leslie Baker's present home. A son was born to them there in 1911, but he lived but two weeks and lies buried in the Ludden cemetery. That little house now stands in Guelph. Ray Browns were the last family to occupy it. The Harry Maddock family was living on the Murray farm in Hudson Township when their daughter Georgia was born. Years later that house burned when the Alkofer family was there. The barn has been gone for a long time and only a granary still stands on this place now farmed by Allen Forward. Later the family moved to a farm just east of Charlie's place and near to land Harry bought. There, sons, Donald and the twins, Kenton and Kenneth were born. That house was moved and enlarged and stands on what was until recently the John Benson farm north of Guelph and now owned by Darwin Kunrath. Harry's next move was into a small house that he built on his own land which bordered onto Charles' home quarter. No wonder the children of the two families grew up together and had hours of fun playing on two huge rocks believed to be in buffalo wallows in Harry's pasture. The tornado of 1921 destroyed most of Harry's buildings. Part of the house remained but was off the foundation so the family lived at Charles' until the wrecked home was rebuilt. Twelve days after the storm, Harry's son Wayne was born. The rebuilding and harvesting came at the same time, so that with carpenters, harvesters, summer company, on

some days there were thirty or more people to be fed. Children slept on the floors and often were roused out of sleep to go to the basement when a wind came up. Fortunately, there were no more tornadoes that summer.

Harry's family had been back in their rebuilt home only a short time when the baby, Wayne, passed away. He, too, was buried in the Ludden cemetery. The day of his funeral, his cousin Pauline rode the railroad speeder to Ellendale to secure a permit for teaching in Hudson School #4. It was past the middle of September and no teacher had yet been hired. That was the beginning of her long teaching career.

Fifteen months after the loss of this baby son, Harry's youngest child, Vivian was born. She was to be the youngest of that generation of Maddocks. She was born in the house they had rebuilt after the tornado. Other families lived there before it was moved to the northern part of the township near to the Lund and Spear family farms. Nothing remains to mark the site except possibly the cyclone cellar her father dug following their harrowing experience in that storm in July of 1921.

Because Hudson School #3 was within 1¼ miles of their homes, all of Charles' and Harry's children attended it at sometime in their lives. Lonnie's daughter, Alta, also was a pupil there for part of her elementary education, and part of the time she attended Hudson #4. Logan's daughters attended Hudson #4 until they first enrolled at the Guelph School. It was #2. Soon after their arrival in 1907, the Lonnie and Charles Maddock families began church attendance at Guelph. Charles and Grace became charter members of the Guelph church which he had helped to build. Four generations of his family have been members.

All four Maddock brothers took seriously their responsibilitiy in township and school affairs. Logan and Harry served on school boards. Lonnie and Harry were township supervisors, Charles was township treasurer, and Harry was assessor. All of them improved their farms by planting trees in an almost treeless community, three had artesian wells dug, and one had a Delco plant for electricity.

Affairs seemed to progress with all of them until the flu epidemic of 1919-1920 claimed Logan's life when he was but 36 years old. His wife Eva and daughters returned that spring to Indiana to make their home with her father. They are all now deceased. Leonia left two daughters, and Wilma is survived by a daughter.

After Logan's death many things seemed to go wrong for the brothers' families. Farm prices fell, taxes mounted, crops were poor, and then the drouth when there were no crops to harvest. Late in 1933, Harry moved with his family back to Indiana. All went, except Theta, who stayed on in North Dakota where she was teaching school. That summer she was married to S.H. Jensen, who was the Guelph barber at that time. She taught 4 terms of school, then was postmistress at Guelph from 1940 until 1945 when they moved to Oakes. Their children, Helen and Dale, were adopted in 1946. A few years later, Theta resumed teaching: two years in Guelph and then 15 years in Oakes before retiring in 1970. She and Barb have enjoyed traveling in this country and have made three trips to Europe.

Lonnie's daughter, Alta, was an only child. She married an Indiana native and went there to live. Her husband of 55 years has just passed away, leaving her two sons and five grandchildren. Lonnie and Kate traded their farm for Indiana land and went there to live. He died in 1945 and she in 1967.

Harry's sons and daughter, Vivian live in Indiana. Their daughter, Georgia Jameson, lives in Spokane. Harry died in 1968 and his wife in 1978. This remarkable woman was the last of that generation of Maddocks.

Charles and Grace lost their farm in 1932 and lived on three other farms before going to Indiana for three years to farm her uncle's land. But Charles had great faith in and love for North Dakota, so he puchased land here again - extending from the town site of Guelph to Highway 11. They returned to farm it in 1943 and he continued farming until past 75. He and Grace were able to enjoy several winters in the South before they had to abandon travel. he passed away in 1961 and she lived until 1963. Their children - Harold, Wallace, John, Ruth and Genevieve still live in this county. Pauline has long lived in Florida.

Harold was a rural carrier for 43 years, 1921-1964. He carried from Guelph for 33 years and from Oakes for 10 years. He married Anna Sell of Guelph in 1927. Their first son was stillborn. Later Maurice, Jewel and Lewellyn all left Guelph within two years after graduating from Guelph High School. Maurice, now retired from the Air Force, still lives and works in Californina. He married the former Joan German. Only two of their seven children are still at home. Jewel and her three children have always lived in California. Lewellyn, in the Air Force, has been stationed in the Philippines, Okinawa and England as well as the United States. He now is in California with his wife, Linda and three children.



Verne and Pauline Maddock Wheeless.

Pauline taught school in North Dakota and Minnesota, before teaching three years in radio schools for the U.S.Army. After the war she moved with her husband Verne Wheeless to Florida where she has lived ever since. Their daughter, Verna was born there. She, her husband Bob Ring and daughters Cheryl and Nicole live in Atlanta.

Wallace was always a lover of animals and farming. He with his wife, the former Marie Rowe retired from his Guelph farm to his home in Oakes in 1973. he has done much for the carrying on of the family name. They have lost one son at birth and have eight living sons. James, their eldest has retired from the navy, lives in Oakes and is known as the "Schwan Man". He and his wife,

Madeline, have four sons and a daughter and two granddaughters. Daughter Debbie and son Jim, Jr. live in Montana, son Ron is married and lives in Oakes, John is employed in Fargo and Charlie is a student at Mayville College. Wallace's next son, Robert lives in Minnesota and has 2 sons, Greg in the navy, Kevin at Jamestown College, 2 daughters, Beth at NDSU and Sherry at home. His wife Joyce is a former Frederick, S.D. native Wallace's son Gary, wife Mavis, children Mark, Gail and Neil live in Dickinson, N.D. Son, Mick, wife Sandy and Stacy and Shane live in Oakes. Son Owen, Sabra and daughter live in Ohio; son Richard with wife Carma and Corby, Ryan and LaRisa live at Montpelier, N.D., where Richard has taught several years and been in school administration, too. Son Frank with wife Brenda and daughters live in Virginia where he works for a reserch firm after having served in the navy. Youngest son Steve lives in Mound, MN with his wife, Sue and children Billy and Nicole.

Genevieve, daughter of Charles and Grace, was the first of the Maddocks to be born in N.D. She married Palmer Vie of Hansboro, N.D. They moved to Guelph in 1940 with their children Joan and Tom, to the farm which is still their home. Nancy and Roger were born to them after their move to Guelph. Joan married Howard Andersen of Guelph and they have farmed here since 1954. Their sons, Terry and Larry, farm with their father as well as farming their own land. Terry married Vicki Randol of Oakes and their daugher Jessica and son Brad are the fifth generation of Maddocks in Dickey County. Larry married Jane Forward of Guelph. Faye Andersen lives and works in Fargo. Tom Vie married an Ellendale girl, Sharon Stahlecker. She teaches in the Oakes high school and he works at Napa. Their daughter Shelli and son Bret both attend Mayville College. Bret was quite well known in athletics at Oakes High. Nancy Vie married Richard Bergman of Cayuga. At present they are in Sudan, Africa serving with Wycliffe Bible Translators after having served in Nigeria for ten years. Their children Billy and Mary both attend elementary school in Kenya. Roger Vie taught school for three years before going to Fargo to work. He married Jane Horner there in 1975. Their children are Eric and Sarah. Roger now manages his own moving business. Palmer was a Dickey County Commissioner for 12 years. Genevieve retired in 1971 after teaching 26 years.

Ruth Maddock took nurses' training in Minnesota before her marriage to Rudolph Sell of Guelph. They have lived at their farm home ar Guelph for forty- seven years. After their sons were into high school, Ruth did several years of nursing in hospitals and at the Ellendale Nursing Center. Since her retirement, the couple have had a number of winters in Florida. Their son Ron married Marlene Swenson of Langford, S.D. The family which now includes Todd, Wayne and Ronda live there where Marlene works in a fabric shop and Ron is a mechanic. Rodney Sell married Rose German of Guelph. After three years of college, he chose farming as his way of life, built a new home across the drive from his father Rudolph's house. He has the help of their three children: Randy, Renae and Russell.

John Maddock, the youngest child of Charles and Grace, was the only one of the family born in the new home in 1914. After graduation from high school, he farmed with his father until leaving to work in the shipyards in California. While there, he married Madeline Tuchscher of Ellendale. Two living children were born to them, Francis and Delores. One child, Margaret Grace was still-born. After high school Francis joined his dad, John, in farming. He now has a considerable acreage of his own. He is helped by his wife the former Deborah Day of Oakes and young son, Tim. Some day the daughters, Cristina and Wendy, will likely be helpers, too. John's daughter Delores, married Harlen Gerdes of Hecla. After his discharge from the Air Force, they moved to their Guelph farm. In about 1979 they moved to a ranch near Ronan, MT, where Harlen raises horses and Delores is a secretary to the Vice-President of the Ronan Bank. The children Shawna and Rance attend school there.

ALONZO (LONNIE) AND KATE MADDOCK



Alonzo and Kate Maddock

Alonzo, or Lonnie as he was called, was born near Champaign, Illinois, on June 10, 1879. He was the fifth child of James C. and Ella A. Maddock. When he was 14 years old, the family moved to West Middleton, Indiana.

Kate Lambert, the daughter of Jacob and Annis Lambert, was born March 22, 1879, near Kokomo, Indiana. Here she grew to woman hood. She and Lonnie met at the Christian Church near their home.

Lonnie and Kate were married February 11, 1903. They lived on a farm east of Kokomo for one year before moving to the farm near where Lonnie's parents lived. Their only child, Alta May, was born April 15, 1906.

That summer, Lonnie and his older brother, Charlie, went to North Dakota to work through the harvest and threshing season. They liked the method of farming and the land was so reasonable in price that they each bought 160 acrs of adjoining land located northeast of Guelph.

In the spring of 1907, they loaded an emigrant car with household goods, some farm equipment and livestock, Lonnie accompanied the shipment to Ludden, North Dakota, while Charlie and the two families came by passenger train.

The home to which Lonnie, Kate and Alta went was very small, one room up and one room down, with a porch which was used as a kitchen. The barn was a straw shed. In 1910, a new barn was built and in 1916, a new seven-room house was erected.

In 1921, Lonnie had to have surgery, and while he was recovering, the hired help let a fire get out of control and burned the year's supply of hay. In July of that year, a tornado destroyed the barn which had to be replaced.

Lonnie served on the town board for many years. Counting gopher tails was one of the jobs he had to do while on this board.

During the depression and drouth, they became discouraged and traded their equity in a 40 acre farm in Indiana that had belonged to Kate's parents. They went to Indiana in December, 1934, but couldn't get possession until in the spring of 1935. That winter they lived with Alta and her family.

Here they lived happily until November 10, 1945, when Lonnie died very suddenly from a heart attack.

Due to the shock of losing her husband, Kate suffered a stroke in March, 1946, from which she never fully recovered. She later broke her hip. She lived with her daughter and family until her death on November 23, 1967. Her sister, Madge Lambert, also lived with Alta and helped care for Kate during her invalid years.

Lonnie and Kate are both buried in the Crown Point Cemetery in Kokomo, Indiana.

FRANCIS AND DEBORAH (DAY) MADDOCK



Francis and Deborah Maddock, Timothy, Cristina and Wendy.

Francis and Deborah were married on October 14, 1968, at Aberdeen, S.D. They returned to Guelph and set up their trailer house at the farm on the south edge of Guelph. This union was blessed with the birth of three children: Timothy - age 13, Cristina - age 10, and Wendy - age 5.

In 1970 they moved to the old Root house which was being used as residence for the school superintendent. They lived there until 1976 when they built a new home on their property and sold the old house to her brother.

The children all attend school in Oakes and are involved with several school activities. Tim took part in the high school wrestling program this past year and Cristina has been taking part in the gymnastics program the past four years. Wendy started gymnastics last year in the summer program.

The Maddock's keep busy with their farm and as a hobby they collect and trade toy farm machinery. Their collection now totals about two hundred pieces, several of which are quite rare.

Francis, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Maddock, attended Guelph School and graduated from there in 1962.

Deborah, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Day of Oakes, attended Oakes Public School and graduated from there in 1968.

HAROLD AND ANN MADDOCK



Harold and Ann Maddock (photo taken day before Harold's 80th birthday.

Harold Maddock was born to Charles B. Maddock Grace P. (Nesbit) Maddock, May 10, 1902, at Kokomo, Indiana. The spring of 1907, Harold with parents, sister Pauline (Wheeless) and brother Wallace, moved from Indiana to a farm northeast of Guelph, N.D., which his father had bought the fall before. While the family lived on this farm, four other children were born. Alice, who passed away in infancy, Genevieve (Mrs. Palmer Vie), Ruth (Mrs. Rudolph Sell) and John. The latter three still live in the Guelph area.

Harold attended school in the Hudson township school #3. When that school was closed, he then attended Guelph elementary and high school. During the summers he helped with farm work at home.

March of 1921, Harold wrote a civil service examination for position of rural route mail carrier. His appointment as rural carrier to fill a vacany on route 1 at the Guelph Post Office was effective September 1, 1921.

Harold served this route until May 1, 1954, when he was transferred to route 1, Oakes, N.D.by the Post Office Department to a vacancy there. Burton Botts, rural carrier at Ludden, N.D. was assigned to the vacancy at Guelph.

Harold's parents are deceased, his father October 9, 1961, and his mother August 12, 1963. Both are buried in the Ellendale Cemetery.

About five years after transfer to Oakes, the Crete route was consolidated with Harold's Oakes route, making a route length of seventy-five miles which he served until he retired - December 30, 1964.

Anna E. Sell was born April 22, 1906 on a farm northeast of Guelph, the daughter of Henry A. Sell and Wanda L. (Robe) Sell. Before she reached school age, the family moved to a farm one mile east of Guelph which her parents purchased. They continued to live there the rest of their lives. Her father passed away the fall of 1937 and her mother on April 18, 1970, with burial for both in the Ellendale Cemetery. Anna's brothers are Rudolph of Guelph, Edmund of Honeybrook, Pennsylvania, and Henry A. who passed away in infancy.

Anna attended the Guelph elementary school. Following graduation from elementary school, Anna was employed at the North American Creamery at Oakes for a time, then in various homes as a household helper until her marriage.

Harold and Anna were married September 17, 1927, by her uncle, Rev. Rudolph Rabe, in the Rabe home at Wadena, MN. Their honeymoon was spent in Minneapolis where they purchased most of their house hold furniture. After their honeymoon, they returned to Guelph where they established a home in a rented house which years later they bought. Other household necessities were bought from G.C. Howard grocery store and the J.J. Wallace Hardware in Guelph.

The first Christmas after Anna and Harold's marriage, their parents, sisters and brothers were invited to be their guests for oyster stew, along with an assortment of pickles, celery, olives and coffee. Then they attended the Church Christmas Eve program. Following that, all went back to the house for opening of gifts to all from under the Christmas tree. To end the evenings activities it was coffee, a choice of three or four kinds of pie topped off with homemade ice cream. If one cared for more, there generally was cake, candy, plus a variety of nuts. After that first Christmas, this became a family tradition for a good many years, until sisters and brothers married and had families of their own to enjoy the holiday season together as family units. Sometimes the oyster stew, along with the holiday goodies, would be the menu for New Years Eve gatherings to welcome in the New Year. There were very few Christmases and New Years that Anna's Uncle Julius didn't come from his work with the railroad, always bringing more than his share of gifts for others and holiday treats. Everyone enjoyed his company, his telling of new experiences as foreman with the Railroad B & B department. He liked to hunt; therefore, he rarely missed coming to Guelph sometime during open hunting season.

Harold and Anna lived in Guelph until the fall of 1956 at which time Anna's mother went to California to be with a brother who was seriously ill. After his death, she remained in California for a number of years. During her absence, Harold and Anna occupied her home on the farm, having sold their house in Guelph. When Anna's mother returned to her home, they moved to a home in Oakes which later they bought. While they lived at Guelph, their four children were born. Don Jay was stillborn in Oakes Hospital. Maurice, Jewel and Lewellyn were born in the hospital at Britton, S.D., Maurice in 1935, Jewel in 1957 and Lewellyn in 1944. The three attended Guelph elementary and high school from which they graduated. Maurice attended Ellendale Normal for 1 year; then joined the United States Air Force in September 1954. He married Joan German on April 16, 1955 at Oakes, N.D. They have seven children. He retired from the Air Force in August, 1980. They live in their home at Lompoc, California. After graduating, Jewel remained home for a while, then went to California in 1956 and stayed for a while with her grandmother, Wanda Sell. Jewel and Sim Dan Hubbard were married August of 1957 at Las Vegas, Nevada. They have three children. Their home is in Santa Ana, California. Lewellyn, after high school graduation, attended the University of N.D. at Grand Forks on year and enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1965. He married Linda B. Magcongay in May 1969, while at Clark A.F.B Philippine Islands. They have three children. Lewellyn and family are stationed at Edwards A.F.B. California.

During the years the family lived in Guelph, Anna was a member of the school lunch program for years, which was sponsored by the P.T.A. She also held various offices in the Guelph Methodist Church W.S.C.S. Anna and Harold are members of the Guelph United Methodist Church.

When the Dickey County Farm Bureau was organized in 1947, Harold was selected to be Secretary - Treasurer, the office he held until he resigned due to the volume of office work which required more time than he had to devote to office duties.

At a County Senior Citizens Organization Meeting in Ellendale in the summer of 1967, Harold was elected a county board member as a representative on the county board from the Oakes area. This board meets once a month and are subject to special meetings, also workshops. They control distribution of county mill levy funds for Senior Citizen programs, such as Senior Citizens Bus. Harold resigned from this board in February of 1981 due to his being away so much of the time in the winters. He served as president of the Oakes Golden Age Club for two years and was selected by the Oakes Club as chair person of the building committee for building the Oakes Senior Citizen Center which was completed in 1980. The center is now open five days a week serving noon meals also recreation, etc. since January 1, 1981. Since Harold's retirement, Anna and he have spent most winters in California. Two were spent in Florida. They flew to England in the summer of 1981 for a month spending it with Lewellyn and family who were stationed there.

HARRY AND MYRTLE MADDOCK



Harry and Myrtle Maddock.

Harry was born near Champaign, Illinois on November 7, 1882. When he was 11, his parents moved to West Middleton, Indiana, and later to the Kokomo area.

Myrtle Young was born near Kokomo, Indiana, on December 23, 1882.

Harry and Myrtle were married January 17, 1907. They lived with his parents for a while.

Harry had come to North Dakota in the fall of 1906 to work during the harvest and on the section near Kintyre, N.D. The good farming land and the spirit of adventure called him. In 1908 he came to Port Emma and rented the Baker farm east of Leslie Baker's present home (NE¼ Sec. 3-129-60). He plowed some that fall as he bought four horses and some machinery.

In March of 1909, Harry, Myrtle and Theta, who was born November 10, 1907 came to live on the Baker farm. His brother, Logan, and his wife, Eva, and two girls moved at the same time. Eva was Myrtle's youngest sister. Their household goods came in an emigrant car to Ludden. They joined the Charlie and Lonnie Maddock families, who had moved here 2 years earlier. Logan, Charlie and Lonnie bought adjoining farms in Hudson Township.

In March of 1910, Harry and Myrtle's first son was born. Wilbur lived 13 days and died of pneumonia. He is buried in Ludden cemetery.

Harry told of the Great Nothern train slowing up to take letters he might hold up to the engineer to mail for him. There is nothing left on that farm to show where the buildings were except a tree or two. The house was moved to Guelph later.

Probably in the fall of 1911, they moved to the Richard Murray farm in Hudson Township. Georgia was was born here in October, 1912.

In the fall of 1913, the family moved to the Farrell farm east of Charlie's farm. Harry had bought a quarter of land joining Charlie's land on the south. Thus the four brothers now had adjoining farms. Donald was born on the Farrell farm in 1914 and the twins, Kenneth and Kenton, in 1916. Kenneth was born just before midnight on April 30, and Kenton after midnight May 1, but they both call May 1 their birthdate.



Harry Maddock family: Theta, Kenneth, Georgia, Vivian, Donald, Kenton and Mother.

Harry tried to help Myrtle and gave her one of the first power washing machines in the area. He did this by jacking up the hind wheel of his motorcycle or Model T car, putting a pulley and belt on wheels and washer.

Since the land he bought had no buildings on it, Harry built a 2 room granary into which the family moved in 1918. Another room was added and the family lived comfortably.

In July of 1921 a cyclone came through the area and practically wiped out all the buildings, but the family was not hurt. Charlie and Grace opened up their home for Harry's family. Here a son was born 12 days later. Wayne lived but 2 months and was buried beside his brother in the Ludden cemetery.

Harry and Myrtle worked hard to rebuild their home on the original site. Finally it was ready to move into. It was a 2 story house so there was more room for the growing family. While living here, Vivian was born on December 4, 1922.

Harry was assessor in Hudson Township for 18 years as well as serving on the township and school boards. He also had a threshing rig. Myrtle was kept busy caring for her family and being a good neighbor.

When the depression struck, coupled with drouth and crop failures, they were forced to give up their land. In the fall of 1933, they decided to return to Indiana. They had spent 25 of the best years of their lives in the Guelph area. Theta was teaching so she stayed in North Dakota while the rest of the family lived on a farm near Kokomo, Indiana for a year.

Harry, bought an 80 acre farm in Carroll County. The farm was rather run down and the family worked hard to build it up. He later bought an adjoining 80 acres so Harry did achieve his goal of owning a quarter of land.

He drove a school bus for 17 years and did custom combining and threshing to add to his income.

The children all married. Theta lived in Oakes, N.D. and Georgia in Spokane, Washington. The rest had homes not far from Harry and Myrtle and helped them in many ways in their later life.

Harry and Myrtle became members of Hickory Grove Church and were faithful in attendance.

Harry had a stroke so the last few years of his life his activity was limited. Vivian's family lived ¼ mile away so helped her parents a great deal. Harry passed away in March 1968.

Myrtle continued to live in her farm home with the companionship of her children and grandchildren. The last few years she stayed in Oakes with Theta and Barb for 8 months and they would take her back to her home

for the 4 winter months. She passed away rather suddenly in June 1978. Harry and Myrtle are buried in the Davis cemetery near Burnettsville, Indiana.

They often visited in the Guelph community and were always interested in the people here.

JAMES & MADELINE MADDOCK



Back Row: Pete Vogel, Ron Maddock, James Maddock, Jr.
Middle Row: Debbie Vogel, Nancy Maddock, Patty Maddock
Front Row: John Maddock, James Maddock, Sr. with Tiffany Vogel, Madeline Maddock with Jessica Vogel, Charles Maddock

I, James graduated from Guelph High School in May 1952. The following March, I enlisted in the US Navy and received my recruit training at Great Lakes Naval Training Center. I attended two service schools, one at Norman, Okalahoma and one at Memphis, Tennesse. Upon completion of school, I was stationed at Naval Air Station Quonset Point, Rhode Island.

In March 1954, the squadron in which I was attached deployed aboard the USS Valley Forge (an aircraft carrier). This was my first time at sea and everything went fine after the first day getting used to the rocking and rolling of the ship and getting my sea legs. Ports visited during the deployment were Norfolk, Va., Guantanamo, Cuba, Port-au-Prince, Haiti, and Jacksonville, Florida. Upon returning to Rhode Island, I met my wife, Madeline, and we were married in October 1954, settling in West Warwick. We lived there until March 1958, when we moved near the Naval Air Station at Memphis, Tennesse, where I attended an advanced school on aircraft engines. After school, I was transferred to a squadron aboard the USS Forrestal CVA-59 for nine months. We visited the following cities: Naples and Rome; Italy Barcelona, Spain; Nice, Marseilles, France; Palma, Majorca and Gibraltar. After returning to the states, I was transferred back to Rhode Island and had a glorious reunion with my family and got to see my son for the first time. He was born on Christmas Day of 1958. But it wasn't long till back to sea aboard the USS Randolph. New places visited were New York City, Quebec, Canada, and Halifax, Nova Scotia. My next carrier was the USS Essex, operating in and out of Quonset Point until the summer of 1961 when we sailed for the North Sea, where I became a Blue Nose (nautical term given those crossing the Artic Circle). We then sailed for the Mediterranean Sea, stopping to visit Lisbon, Portugal; after operating in the Mediterranean, we sailed for Karachi, Pakistan, via the Suez Canal, Red Sea, and Indian Ocean. Coming back, we set a record for transitioning the Suez Canal for a vessel of our size. We then visited Athens, Greece, prior to returning to the station.

I was transferred to shore duty in August 1961, at Quonset point for the next 43 months, and in 1965 I was transferred to Naval Air Station Patuxent River, Md., to a patrol squadron flying the Navy version of the Lockheed Electra. While attached to this squadron I visited the following: Keflavik, Iceland; Adak, Alaska; Argentina; Newfoundland; Bermuda, Lajes, Azores, San Diego, California; Mexico and Washington, D.C. In 1967, I was back in Quonset Point for 2 more years of shore duty and then my orders were to go to the West coast; the family and I visited fifteen states and Canada on our way. There I was assigned to the USS Midway.

During my years in the Navy we had five children born to us, Deborah in 1955; James Jr. in 1956; Ronald in 1958; John in 1962; and Charles in 1963. Deborah and James are both married and live in Glendive, MT. Ronald is married and lives in Oakes. John is living and working in Fargo,and Charles is in college in Mayville. We also have two granddaughters, children of Deborah and Pete.

I retired from the navy with the rank of Chief Petty Officer in March 1972. I sold life insurance for Great West Life for several years and am now working for Schwan's Sales Enterprises, Inc.

JAMES DONALD AND MARTHA MADDOCK



James and Martha Maddock

On the 18th day of March, 1914, I, James Donald Maddock was born to Harry and Myrtle Maddock. They lived west of Hudson Township school #3 in a little square house on the north side of the road. It was about ¼ mile east of the cross roads east of Uncle Charlie's

place. I went to #3 for grade school. The school wasn't very crowded. I think sometimes there were only 3 or 4 pupils. When we moved to our new house, which started out as a granary, I learned to drive the old tractor and work in the fields. It was a great improvement over following the horses. When I was smaller in knee pants, J.D. Root gave my dad a pair of knee pants because my initials were the same as his--J.D. I still have them, one of my grandsons wore them in an old time church service. I went to Guelph School for the high school except for the 12th grade. For 12th grade, I attended the N.I. at Ellendale. I had roommates at Scotty Keith's who were Miles White, Ray Brown and Guy VanMiddlesworth. I graduated in the spring of 1932. I was thinking about going to the N.I. for further education, but my father lost his farm and we were forced to have a sale.

We trucked our furniture to Greentown, Indiana, at my uncle's house. In the spring we moved to a farm north west of Kokomo, Ind.

My father bought 80 acres southwest of Burnettsville, Ind. in the spring of 1935. Times were really bad these first years after buying the farm. Dad would thresh to make payments and one year I went back to North Dakota and threshed as we had our separator out there. Waldon Waite had the tractor and I hired six teams with wagons and men. I did better than my father did in Indiana. I think this was in 1937.

I bought a '29 Model A for $125.00 and ran a bread route. Seems like the expenses were more than the take home pay. This didn't last too long and the Ford wasn't paid for. The finance company came out several times to take it back, but we managed to stall them off. We cut wood and sold it to make payments.

I did manage to get a job at the R.B.M. in Logansport on January 4, 1940. Then I got a better car and later I traded the model A for a pocket watch and a car radio. I wish I had it back now.

I was called to the service in 1942 and was stationed at Venice, Fla., for 2½ years. I attended several airplane schools, one in Mississippi, one in Santa Monica, California, and one in Seattle, Washington. That was the B-29 school. I returned to Florida and then went overseas to the India, China area. Many experiences were had on this trip which took me all the way around the world.

After getting home, I went back to the factory. This was lots better pay than what I was used to.

I was seeing a girl that I had been writing to all my army life. She was a local girl by the name of Martha Dilling. We decided to get married on May 18, 1946. We started out in the two rooms which she had been renting. We decided rent receipts weren't very profitable so we bought a house in Burnettsville, Indiana, where we still live. We have two children, a daughter and a son. Sharon Kaye is married and has two boys and Wayne Alan is married and has two girls and one boy. They all live in Burnettsville. I worked at the R.B.M. the rest of the time. I spent 39 years and 5 months there and retired in May, 1979. I've done some traveling but not as much as I would like. I do enjoy our cousin reunions which we always try to attend. I also spend summer months taking grand kids to ball practice and all other activities besides baby sitting. I'm about busier than I was when working full time.

JAMES LOGAN AND EVA YOUNG MADDOCK



The James Logan Maddock Family

James Logan Maddock was born September 6, 1884 in Champaign, Illinois, son of James Cletus and Ella A. (Timberlake) Maddock. He married Eva Blanche Young who was born April 21, 1886. They were married November 14, 1903, in Howard County, Kokomo, Indiana. They had two daughters, Olive Leonia (born April 30, 1904) and Flora Wilma (born December 16, 1906). In 1909, Logan and his family moved to North Dakota. They settled in Hudson Township, Dickey County where Logan bought the Oscar Cuff farm, northeast of Guelph and adjoining the farms of his brothers who had settled there two years before.

In 1919-20 when the influenza epidemic struck in the area, Logan, Eva and daughters all became very ill. The Lodge members of Guelph helped the Maddock family during it's illness. Mrs. Root and Mrs. Sitts took turns caring for the sick ones. Harry Newman and others did the chores. Logan required surgery and was taken to the hospital in Oakes, where he died on February 12, 1920. Eva and daughters were too ill to accompany the body back to Indiana where Logan was buried in Howard County at Shiloh Cemetery near the original home of his parents. Eva and the daugthers returned to Indiana where they made their home with her father, George N. Young, in Ervin Township, Howard County. They lived with him until his death in 1924. They established a home in New London, Indiana. Both daughters married in 1925. Eva died in 1952 and was buried beside Logan at Shiloh Cemetery. Leonia married Larry Amos of Ervin Township on March 4, 1925. They had two daughters, Phyllis Jean, born December 12, 1925, and Shirley Marcia, born March 29, 1936. In 1927, Leonia and Larry "Happy" bought a farm in Howard County where Larry resided until his death on January 9, 1983. Leonia died in 1961 and was buried in Shiloh Cemetery where her parents were buried. Shirley was married September 28, 1958, to Karol L. (Toney) Finney. They rented a home in Galveston and purchased it in 1959. Karol was employed at Cabot Corporation, Stellite Division of Kokomo for 30 years and was a Lt. Col. in the Army National Guard. He

suffered a heart attack and died December 25, 1981. Shirley is employed as a secretary in Kokomo and still resides in their home in Galveston. They had one daughter, Susan Marcia, born March 29, 1963. She graduated from Lewis Cass High School, Walton, Indiania, Fort Wayne International Business College and is now a student at Indiana Technical in Kokomo. She is planning to be married in June, 1983. Phyllis married Frank V. Day on March 6, 1963. Phyllis is a Music teacher of piano, organ and marimba and caters and also bakes wedding cakes. Frank was employed as a sheetmetal worker until his retirement in 1981. They have a daughter, Pamela Kay, who graduated from Kokomo High School and is now attending Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana.

Wilma was married to Fred Erfcamp and they had one daughter, Eva Nellie, born April 20, 1926. Fred was a farmer and they lived in Howard County. She and Fred were later divorced. Wilma married Arnold Eads in 1947 and they made their home in Kokomo for a number of years. They moved to Columbus, Ohio, where she died September 8, 1958. Eva Nellie married Harold Uttinger on February 10, 1944. They had three sons, Harold Eugene, born August 1, 1944; Terry Lynn, born September 23, 1945, and Gary Joe, born September 20, 1949. Harold died November 7, 1970. Eva Nellie married Robert Gamrath in 1975. She worked at Stellite Division in Kokomo for a number of years and then started her own "Dance Studio". Bob is in the "Coal" business and they are traveling about four states on business. They have decided to make their home at their lake home on Nyona Lake north of Peru, Indiana. Gene married Sherrie Donaghue in 1967. They have two sons, Christopher Harold, born November 1, 1968, and Robert Gregory born January 30, 1970. Gene is a foreman at Delco Electronics and they live in Kokomo. Terry married Cathy Turley on December 23, 1966. He also works at Delco and they live in Kokomo. They are the parents of two daughters, Alicia, born August 1, 1967, and Anissa, born November 10, 1970. Gary Joe, having had brain surgery at six months of age, resides in a Family Home in Marion, Indiana.

JOHN CLIFTON AND MADELINE ROSE MADDOCK



John and Madeline Maddock

John, the youngest of 7 children in the Charles Maddock family, was born July 1, 1915, and raised in the Guelph area, where he spent most of his life. He received his education in the country schools and the Guelph School and finished his last year of high school in Ellendale at the NI. He has 3 sisters and 2 brothers living.

Madeline Rose, the daughter of Simon Carl and Margret Magdalen Benfit Tuchscher, was born May 25, 1914, in Jamestown, N.D. She was the fourth oldest in a family of 12 children. She attended schools in Jamestown, Aberdeen, Newark, S.D., and Ashley, N.D. She has 3 brothers and 3 sisters still living. She came to Ellendale in 1934 with her parents. In August of 1935 she came to Guelph to work for the James Wallace family and has been in Guelph since then except for 2 years.

John and Madeline were married Dec. 23, 1942, in California. They have been engaged in raising cattle and grain. John also drove the school bus for 19 years and Madeline was custodian at the Guelph School for 20 years.

They had 3 children born to them; Francis (Fritz) born March 9, 1944, married Deborah Day of Oakes. They have 3 children--Tim, 13 years old, Cristina, 10 years old and Wendy Marie, age 5. They live in Guelph.

Delores (Dee), born May 9, 1951, married Harlan Gerdes of Hecla, S.D. They live on a small ranch near Ronan, Montana. They have 2 children, Shawna Lynn, age 10, and Rance Juston, age 7.

Margret Grace was stillborn August 21, 1948.

Madeline says "Guelph was a neat little town of 97 people, when I came here in 1935, but it seems to be disappearing each day."

KENNETH B. MADDOCK



Kenneth & Wahneeta Maddock, and mother, Myrtle Maddock
This photo was taken on Myrtle's 90th birthday

I, Kenneth B. Maddock, one of the twins, was born May 1, 1916, in Hudson Township near Guelph, North Dakota, to Harry and Myrtle (Young) Maddock. I have two brothers, Donald and Kenton (my twin), and three sisters, Theta, Georgia, and Vivian.

I was 17 years old when my parents moved to Indiana in 1933. I graduated from Adams Township High School in April, 1936.

June 20, 1936, I married Wahneeta Munson in the Methodist parsonage at Greentown, Indiana. She is the daughter of William and Glenora (Gosler) Munson and was born to them in Adams Township, Delphi, Indiana. She has 3 brothers, Robert and Charles (deceased) and Floyd and 2 sisters, Gladys Harrison and Helen Collings.

I worked on a farm till 1939, and then started farming, and worked nights at factory (RBM) in Logansport. In 1942, I quit and farmed more with hogs and dairy. In 1952, the dairy barn burned in the fall, and since the landlord did not want to rebuild, I rented a large dairy farm at Rochester and moved there in February of 1953. We were there three years, then sold out and moved to Kokomo in 1956. I worked there until June, 1959. My twin brother, (Kenton), was in the vending business. He was moving out of state, so I bought his business. Since most of the business was at Monticello, we moved to Monticello in September, 1959. I retired in 1980.

We have 5 children. Eugene married Geneva McBee. They have three children. Ronald married Sandra Johnson. They have three children. Gerald married Connie Price. They have three children. Michael married Jeanie Rupp. They have three children. Phyllis married William Hendsley. They have four children.

One little humorous thing happened, when Kenton and I were around 5 or 6 years old. Dad had bought a pretty red rooster for $5.00. We went to the chicken house to look him over. He got out, and we started to chase him to put him back, so no one would know he had been out. He gave us a good run, but we finally ran him down. We messed around with him, and finally put him back in the chicken house. When Dad went to feed the chickens, he was dead, so Dad got to asking questions. We finally admitted he got out, and we had run him down, and put him back in the house; we each said we had run him half. We both got a good licking.

KENTON P. MADDOCK



The Kenton P. Maddock Family

On May 1, 1916, about three miles northeast of Guelph, my twin brother, Kenneth, and I, Kenton, were born to Harry and Myrtle Maddock. My childhood was spent on the farm with my brothers and sisters and cousins who lived nearby. Theta Jensen is my oldest sister, then my sister, Georgia Jameson, after her was Donald. Vivian Alma is my youngest sister. We lived on the farm until 1933. My growing up was much the same as any other child on the prairie. We were poor financially, but we didn't know it! Friends and relatives banded together in work and play. I have fond memories of a pony called Lady. I was sure she could jump the gate to the barnlot. She decided going under was much easier, so to my chagrin, she left me hanging in the barbed wire. I still have the scar to prove it. My two brothers and I had an old bicycle but we couldn't afford to buy new tubes for the tires, so geniuses that we were, we filled the tires with oats. It worked very well until the oats were ground to a pulp, then we merely refilled and fed the ground oats to the chickens. That's really recycling?

Because of the depression and the closing of the banks, my father was forced to declare bankruptcy. At the age of fifty-one, my mother and father had a sale, loaded up the old truck with a few possessions, took the family, all but Theta, and headed back to Indiana to start all over again. I am still amazed at the courage it must have taken.

At age 19, I was married to Mary Alice Sloan (Sally), an Indiana girl. Times were very hard, jobs were scarce but we survived. There were times when food was scarce, too. In 1936, our son, Todd, was born. Jobs were easier to find when things picked up before World War II. I went to work for Kingstone in Kokomo, as a machinist making shells for the guns of war. It wasn't long till I had a chance to work for Public Service Ind. as a Sub-station operator. Every advancement meant a move so we lived in several Indiana cities. In 1949, we were back in Kokomo where we decided to stay. I took a job with Dietzens Bakery as a Route salesman. In 1950, a fellow salesman and I placed the first coffee vending machine in Kokomo in the Dirilyte plant. The B. and M. Vending Co. was born. We sold the business in 1959, and I was then associated with the Vendo Co. of Kansas City, but we were located in Chicago. Our younger son, Steven, was born in 1946. After he graduated from high school, we came back to Kokomo and I was with Szabo Foods, so my career has been with the vending of food products.

Today, my wife and I are retired and living in Kokomo, Indiana. Our oldest son, Todd, graduated from Purdue University in 1960 and is living in Lewiston, Idaho. He is the Public Affairs Director of the Northwest Region for Potlatch. He has two children. Our youngest son, Steven, graduated from the University of Wisconsin. He is an artist and is teaching in Manona High School in Madison, Wisconsin.

LEWELLYN & LINDA MADDOCK

Lewellyn R. Maddock, the son of Harold and Anna Sell Maddock, was born on October 9, 1944, at Britton, South Dakota. He grew up in Guelph where he went to school and graduated from Guelph High School in 1962. He continued his education by attending the University of North Dakota from September 1962 to January 1965. During the summers he worked for Howard Andersen, a farmer near Guelph.



The Lewellyn Maddock Family

Lewellyn enlisted in the Air Force in September, 1965. After completion of basic training at Lackland AFB, Texas, he was sent to Keesler AFB, Mississippi for technical school to be trained in aircraft electronics maintenance. Then he was sent to the Philippines in November 1966.

In 1967 he was sent on temporary duty to Thailand and South Vietnam. In May, 1968, he was transferred to Ubon, Thailand, for 9 months. Then he was transferred back to the Philippines in February, 1969.

He married Linda Basillio Magcongay in May, 1969. Their son, Oliver, was born at Angeles City, PL. on March 31, 1970.

He was assigned to Shaw AFB, South Carolina, in September, 1970. Linda and Oliver did not join Lew in the United States until March, 1971. On December 22, 1971, Letitia was born at Shaw AFB, South Carolina. He stayed in South Carolina for a little over two years. He was assigned to Okinawa in January, 1973. For most of his tour there, he was TDY to Ching Chuang Kang AB, Taiwan. Linda and their two children lived in Santa Ana, California, from January, 1973 to April, 1974. He returned to the states in April, 1974, and his family joined him at his new assignment at Beale AFB in northern California. Their third child, Vinescia, was born here on February 22, 1975.

Since then Lew and his family have moved three times. They went to Castle AFB, Ca. in August, 1976. Then they moved to Fairford, England, in May, 1979, and finally to Edwards AFB, Ca. where they still live. Lew is continuing his education at Chapman College. He plans to be a computer programmer when he retires from the Air Force.

MAURICE O. AND JOSEPHINE MADDOCK

Maurice was born at Britton, S.D., on November 9, 1935, son of Harold C. and Anna (Sell) Maddock. He lived with his parents in Guelph until he became a member of the United States Air Force in September, 1954. Maurice completed all 12 years of school in Guelph and participated in the last graduating class commencement program in 1970 as speaker representing former students. He attended the Ellendale Normal Industrial College for 1 year after high school.

Joan was born January 11, 1935, daughter of George F. and Bernita Helen (Magsman) German, on a farm northeast of Guelph. She attended a one room school south of Guelph, the Guelph Grade School, Oakes Catholic School and graduated from the Guelph High School in 1952 and then attended Business School in Aberdeen, S.D. Following graduation from business school she was employed by the Aberdeen American News (Aberdeen, S.D.), Dickey County ASC Office, Ellendale, N.D., Knecht Lumber Co., Rapid City, S.D. and Ellendale Hospital, Ellendale, N.D.

Maurice and Joan were married in Oakes, N.D., April 16, 1955. As Maurice was in the Air Force they returned to his duty station at Forbes AFB, Kansas. A month later Maurice was sent on temporary duty to French Morroco, North Africa, for 3 months. While at Topeka, Kansas, two children were born, Linda (1956) and Julie (1957). They were then sent to London, England in December, 1958. While in England Joan visited Rome and Naples, Italy in early 1961. Two children were born to them in England - Jay (1959) and Pamela (1960).



The Maurice Maddock Family

In July 1961 Maurice and Joan with family returned to the United States to be stationed at Lincoln AFB, Nebraska. Two children were born while at Lincoln - Sherry (1962) and Brett (1964). In November, 1964, they all left the states again bound for Izmar, Turkey and a Special Assignment with NATO forces there. During their time in Turkey, Joan visited Ankara and Istanbul with Maurice just making it to Ankara. They both visited Athens, Greece, in 1967. Maurice also visited Naples, Italy. Their last child - Michael - was born while in Turkey in 1967.

Maurice and Joan returned from Turkey in 1968 to be stationed at Malmstrom AFB, Montana. They remained at Great Falls until Maurice was ordered to a 1 year unaccompanied tour to Thule AFB, Greenland. Upon his return, he and the family moved to Vandenberg AFB, California in 1972. In 1973, Maurice was again ordered to an unaccompanied 1 year tour at U-Tapao, Thailand. He returned to Vandenberg AFB, Ca. in 1974 and remained there until he retired from the Air Force after 26 years in October, 1980.

Maurice and Joan presently reside in Lompoc, California (near Vandenberg AFB). Two children have married (Linda and Pamela) and live in Lompoc. Julie

and Sherry live in Santa Barbara, California. The boys live at home or in Lompoc. They have one granddaughter Christine, age 5, born to Linda and Jim. Maurice presently works as a Staff Assistant to the Director, Martin Marietta Corp., Vandenberg Operations. Joan has taken the training and is a tour guide at the LaPurisima Mission which is a Historical State Museum, 195 years old.

MICHAEL MADDOCK

I, Michael Maddock, known by most of my family and friends as Mick, was born September 14, 1947, at Britton, South Dakota. I was born to the proud parents of Wallace Maddock and Marie Rowe Maddock. My parents currently reside in Oakes, North Dakota. When I was born, we lived on a farm 3 miles north and ¼ mile west of Guelph. I have 7 brothers spread out across the U.S., Jim, Bob, Gary, Owen, and Rick older than I, Frank and Steve younger. I graduated from Guelph in 1965. On August 7, 1965, I married Sandra (Sandy) Heintzman. She was born on August 9, 1948, at Hillsview, South Dakota. Her parents are Jake Salo, step-father, formerly of Guelph and Rose Zimmerman Heintzman Salo. They currently reside at 21 North State Street, Aberdeen, South Dakota. Sandy's family consists of 3 sisters and 1 brother; Julie Heintzman Tabbert of Wisconsin, Betty Heintzman Kosel of Ellendale, North Dakota, and Lucy Heintzman Krause Lucas, of Kalispell, Montana, older and Bryan Salo, younger.

We have two children. Stacy, our daughter who is presently a senior at Oakes High School. She works at the Oakes Hospital as a Nurse's Aide. She plans to study pre-med in college next year. Shane, our son, is a sophomore in high school. He works at Dale's Red Owl in Oakes, North Dakota, as a carry out. Both our children are excellent students. We are very proud of them.

We lived in Ellendale, North Dakota, 7 months. Now we live in Oakes, North Dakota, and have been here the last 17 years.

I am a truck driver for Gwinner Oil Co. of Gwinner, North Dakota. I enjoy hauling anything that comes my way. Sandy is a clerk at Coast-to-Coast in Oakes. If ever in Oakes, North Dakota, look us up. It's a nice friendly town and we are easy to find.

WALLACE MADDOCK



The Wallace Maddock Family

I, James Wallace Maddock, the son of Charles and Grace (Nesbit) Maddock was born July 31, 1906, in Kokomo, Indiana. I came to Oakes, North Dakota, by train in March, 1907, with my folks and brother and sister, Harold and Pauline, also my Uncle Lonnie and Aunt Kate and their daughter, Alta.

We stayed in the hotel at Oakes one night, then on to Ludden, another night in the hotel there. Then on to the farm three miles northeast of Guelph where I lived till the fall of 1932.

In February 11, 1933, I married Marie Rowe, the daughter of William and Mary (Kelly) Rowe. She was born June 6, 1912, at Ellendale. She has 6 brothers and 2 sisters, John, Leo, Philip, Robert, Paul, Harold, Agnes, and Mildred.

We lived on a farm north of Guelph, SE¼ of Sec. 18-130-60, and raised 8 boys, James, Robert, Gary, Owen, Rick, Michael, Frank and Steven, who attended the Guelph School and graduated from high school there. I also have 2 other sisters (Genevieve and Ruth) and a brother, John.

We are retired now and live in Oakes.

ALEX AND HILDA MAKI

Alex Maki was born in Finland in 1887. He came to America in 1906 arriving at Gladsone, Michigan. He worked as a lumberman there and in Minnesota for several years before coming to the Ludden area in 1909. In 1925 he started farming for himself.

In 1931 he married Hilda Pikkarainen at Britton, S.D. They had three children: Norma Grotelueschen of Ludden, Virginia Prairie of Minneapolis, Minn. and Ted Maki, Pensacola, Florida.

Alex and Hilda purchased the late Matt and Louise Merta-Buro farm from Arthur Buro in 1947.

Hilda passed away in March, 1958 and Alex died September, 1961.

EMIL & HILDA MAKI



Emil and Hilda Maki

Emil Henrik Makinen was born in Virtaan Pitaja, Finland in 1884. He came to Ishpeming, Mich., in 1909. His last name was shortened to Maki. Then he went to

Ely, Minn. where he worked in the iron mines. Later he traveled in several states and also in Canada.

He came to North Dakota where he engaged in farming. He married Mrs. Hilda Forster, nee Buro, in November 3, 1920. Hilda had one son Oscar who had been born June 14, 1917.

They farmed on several farms: in 1920 in Lovell Township SW¼ of Sec. 26, in 1921 to SE¼ of Sec. 32. Then late that fall they moved to Hecla, S.D. on a farm north of Hecla. In 1922 they moved back to Ludden on the farm on NW¼ of Sec. 26. They lived there until the fall of 1924. They then moved to the Matt Buro farm along the James River. The fall of 1925 they moved into Ludden.



Hilda Maki, Esther Haapala, Delores Anderson, Rudy Maki, Howard Maki

Three sons and two daughters were born to them: Albert, born Jan. 2, 1922, in Hecla, S.D.; Esther, May 17, 1925; Rudolph, July 19, 1928; Delores, June 20, 1937; Howard, Sept. 24, 1939.

Albert married Doris McShane. He served in the Armed Forces in the Second World War. He was killed in Italy Jan. 26, 1944. His wife passed away in 1949.



Albert Emil Maki

Esther, Mrs. Benhard Haapala (see Haapala history)

Rudolph and his wife Deloris (nee Wilhelm) live in Rapid City, S.D. They have 2 sons and a daughter. Rudolph served in Germany in the Armed Forces during World War II.

Delores (See Arvid Anderson history)

Howard lives in Texas.

Oscar, Mrs. Maki's oldest son, passed away Jan. 26, 1973.

Emil passed away Sept. 20, 1954. Hilda continues to live in Ludden.

JOHN AND NANCY MANGIN

Nancy Meyer Mangin, born May 31, 1950, is the youngest of twelve children born to John and Lillian Meyer of Guelph. After graduating from "Mighty Guelph High" in 1968 I married John R. Mangin who was born July 3, 1946, the son of John and Lillian Mangin of LaMoure, N.D., on July 3, 1968, at Oakes, N.D. We have two children, John J. (Joe) born April 1, 1969, and Laura L. born July 23, 1970. After selling our farmland at LaMoure we moved to West Fargo. John is employed as a meat manager for Buttrey Foods, North Fargo. Nancy does parttime work for the West Fargo Schools and Buttrey Foods. We reside at 919 6 Street East, West Fargo, N.D.

MR. AND MRS. FRANK MARSULA

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Marsula came from Oulu Doicese, Finland, to Ludden, N.D. about 1918. They farmed east of Ludden until 1924, when Mr. Marsula died. Mrs. Marsula and the children lived for a few years in Ludden before moving to the state of Washington. She remarried there.

JOHN & ELIZABETH (MUCKALA) MARTINSON



Jonathon and Ida Martinson; Hilda (Martinson) Salstrom
Anna (Martinson) Halonen

John Martinson, born in Pulkilla, Oulu, Finland, in 1848, was the son of Maria and Martin Arola. They moved to a house of Pirttikangas where the family name changed as is the custom in Finland.

At the age of twenty years, John went to Norway as a fisherman and also fished in Russian waters. Being familiar with both languages, he spoke of having been interpreter between Russians and Finns while in Bummargen. In 1872 he came to America, locating in Calumet, Michigan. He worked in the lumber camps for a year, then obtained work in the copper mines of the Calumet and Hecla Company. It was here that he had his name changed legally to Martinson, using his father's first name and adding son to it.

In 1877 he was united in marriage with Elizabeth Muckala. She was born in Kuolajarvi, Oulu, Finland in 1854. In 1860, when six years old she, with her parents moved to Wadso, Norway. She came to America, first to Quebec, Canada, thence to Hancock, Michigan, in 1876, and later to Calumet, Mich. Mr. and Mrs. Martinson acquired their U.S. Citizenship while in Calumet. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Martinson in Calumet, namely: Ida, Evelina and John W. After working in the mines for ten years, John Martinson decided to seek his fortune in Dakota where homestead land was available. Several of his friends from the copper country had already left for Dakota. John Laho, John Pesonen and John Martinson's brother, Fred Frederickson had gone earlier to prepare dwelling places for their families. With their families, and his own and his wife's sister Kristina Muckala he started out for Dakota by train, arriving in Frederick, Dakota Territory, on June 7, 1883. Here Abram Peldo, an earlier resident was at the station to meet them. Although his home was only a settler's claim shanty, he took the entire group of sixteen people there to spend the night. In the morning he escorted them to their respective homesteads.

John Martinson filed on a claim in Ada township, NW¼ of Section 31. The first home was made of sod with a wood interior and covered with a white lime plaster. Their furniture which was shipped by freight, was delayed enroute for several weeks, so they made temporary table and chairs from the wooden grocery boxes. They cut hay for bedding and used their coats for bed covers. Since it was summer not many covers were needed.

A cow and horses were purchased and also a walking plow to break the soil in order to plant potatoes and vegetables. Sofia Jokela, a near neighbor, helped with the planting and a nice yield was realized in the fall. Ground was plowed preparatory for spring planting.

They met their first reversal when it was discovered that one of the horses was mortgaged property and the owner claimed it; the seller having skipped the country. This necessitated buying another horse.

The family increased in size with the birth of Anna Miriam in 1884, Laura in 1886 and Hilda in 1888.

Drought with its attendant crop failure brought many hardships and trials. Tragedy also struck with illness and death taking three of the six children within six weeks. Ida age 12, John W. age 7, and Laura age 3 died from scarlet fever. A doctor from Ellendale made daily visits but could not save the children. Evelina and Anna Miriam having a milder case of the disease survived it. John Martinson's brother Fred also became ill, so it was necessary to help him and provide for his family. Fred died in 1877. His wife and children went back to Michigan in 1890. A larger house was built, lumber being used for its construction. Supplies such as crates of dried apples, apricots, prunes and raisins, wooden boxes of soda crackers along with everyday staples were laid in for the winter. Wheat was taken to the mill and ground for flour. Using fish nets, Mr. Martinson and his neighbors caught their winter supply of pickerel from the James River. The fish were cleaned and then salted down in crocks. The salted fish had to be rinsed and soaked in cold water overnight before it was prepared in various ways for the table. For fuel, hay was made from the grass in the James River Valley and this was hauled home and stacked by the house. This also provided feed for the livestock. Mr. Martinson tanned the leather and made the shoes for his family.

Due to the drought and hard times the family savings dwindled and it became necessary to mortgage the farm to a loan company wich foreclosed on the place. Hoping to redeem his home, Mr. Martinson went to the Black Hills in 1889 to earn money by working in gold mines. Being young and vigorous and having had mine experiences, he was able to secure contract work. In his absence Matt Hanhela farmed the land and he, with his wife, moved to live in the Martinson home to help Mrs. Martinson and the family.

In 1891 John Martinson returned to his home. He continued renting the land and in the fall worked on threshing crews in order to earn money to supplement his income. He was able to redeem his homestead in 1904. The family had been allowed to live on the place while he was working to pay up the loan. It was then that John and Elizabeth vowed they would never mortgage their farm again and they kept their vow. Several more children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Martinson, namely: Elizabeth in 1890; Walter in 1892; Jonathon (Joe) in 1894; Edward in 1896 and Nina in 1901.

By purchase the Martinson's increased their acreage and built a 96 foot long barn to shelter the horses and the large herd of cattle he and his family raised. Other buildings were added to the farmstead, including the three room house that was moved from the Nikkila quarter to serve as a summer kitchen. The summer kitchen was the hub of activity during the summer months and was used the year around for doing the laundry. All of the cooking, baking and canning was done there. The dining room was quite large making it convenient to serve the family and the hired help. Thus, even during the hottest weather, the main house was kept cool for relaxation and sleeping comfort. An artesian well had been drilled in early 1900, so both the main house and the summer kitchen had running water and sewer. At butchering time, during the winter, the beef was cured, cut, wrapped and frozen; then the frozen meat was taken to the granary and buried in the grain where it kept very well. Jonathon (Joe) spent many a winter day in the summer kitchen repairing the numerous sets of harness. As was the custom with most of the Finnish settlers, the "Sauna" was built soon after the house as a bathing facility. The sauna still stands as do most of the original buildings.

Mrs. Martinson, although busy with her large family, being a seamstress found time to sew children's and adult's clothes for her neighbors. She had brought her sewing machine from Michigan which was put to good use, as so many of her neighbors had no machine. Sheep were bought and sheared, the wool being

carded and spun into yarn at home. Mrs. Martinson then knitted numerous pairs of socks, stockings, caps, mittens and scarves for her family.

The school was located too far for the smaller children to attend. A committee comprised of C. Daniels, J. Martinson, J. Laho and J. Pesonen sought Mr. Bergendahl, a Norwegian storekeeper's help to ask the authorities to have the school located more centrally. With M. Bergendahl's help, he being a proficient linguist, their mission was successful and the school house was moved. Nell Irwin, a seventeen year old girl, was hired as teacher.

Mr. and mrs. Martinson were members of the Apostolic Lutheran church form their early youth. Mr. Martinson was a charter member of the church board of the first legally incorporated Lutheran church in Savo Township, under the laws of Dakota, and remained a member during his entire lifetime. Having a fine voice he was also a cantor. Many of the church services were held in the home and Mr. and Mrs. Martinson extended their hospitality in this way because their work in Christianity was very dear to them.

Elizabeth Martinson died at home in 1926, at the age of 72. John Martinson died at home in 1933, at the age of 85.

Following is an account of their children.

Evelina married Jacob Ollila. They lived in Ada township where their three children were born, namely: Walter, deceased; Edwin, Napolean, N.D.; Edna (Mrs. Abner Haro) Gackle, N.D. The family moved to their homestead at Fredonia, N.D. Evelina died in 1905. Jacob died in 1947.

Anna Miriam, Mrs. Tom McCallum, lived in Canada where Mr. McCallum died. She was then married to Nestor Halonen and they built their modern farmstead in Van Meter township about a mile from her birthplace. They had two sons, Stanley, operating the home place and married to Viola Maki Dallas. They also have a home at Aberdeen, S.D.; Archie and his wife Billie and family live in Fairhope, Alabama. Nestor died in 1964 and Anna died in 1972.

Hilda (See Hilda Salstrom history).

Walter (See Walter and Agnes Martinson history).

Jonathon was married to Ida Wiire of New York Mills, Minnesota. They lived in Ada township where their two children, Melvin and Betty were born. Jonathon bought land three miles from his birthplace in Van Meter township and there built a new modern farmstead. Their son Melvin and his wife Lola (Elsen) have three children, Julie, Renee and Russel. They built a new home for themselves on the same farm. Betty Martinson Daniels and her husband Homer and their family live in Dallas, Texas. Jonathon (Joe) Martinson died in April, 1979. His widow, Ida, lives in her own home on the farm. Melvin now owns and operates his parents farm.

Edward Martinson attended the American Business college in Minneapolis, Minn. In 1917 he enlisted in the U.S. Army serving in France during the first World War with the rank of sergeant. He received his honorable discharge in 1919 and arrived home. He attended Valparaiso University at Valparaiso, Ind. for two years. He was united in marriage to Mary Jane Gillete of Leola, S.D. They lived in Ada township where their two children, Homer and Joan were born. While in Ada township, Edward served on the township school board. The family moved to the state of Washington in 1930. Edward died at Aberdeen, Wash. in 1977.

Nina attended the N.I. High School and also got her college degree from the N.I. She taught schools in Ada and Van Meter townships, Marmoth, N.D., and Leola, S.D. She was united in marriage to Perry Conahan of Leola, S.D. Two sons were born to them, Walter and Lee. Walter and his wife, Marjorie (Dean) live at Volga, S.D. They had one daughter Christine. Lee, his wife Jeanette (Walth) and their children Cary, Kay and Kelly live in Missouri City, Texas. Their daughter Peggy died at the age of 14. Perry and Nina owned and operated a restaurant in Leola until the time of Perry's death in 1954. Nina went back to her teaching career, teaching at LaMoure, N.D. and then for eighteen years in Prince Georges County, Maryland, after which she retired to live in Brookings, S.D. where she now resides.

The John Martinson farm is one hundred years old as of June 8, 1983. Walter's widow, Agnes owns it and their son John operates it.

WALTER AND AGNES MARTINSON

Walter Martinson was born in 1892 to John and Elizabeth Martinson on the Martinson homestead in Ada township, North Dakota. He grew to manhood there getting what education was available at the country school near their home. As a young man, he played baseball on the Savo community team during his free moments when he was not farming. In 1937 Walter married a local school teacher, Agnes Irene Billey.

Agnes was a younger daughter of Oscar Billey who had a family of twelve children. She grew up in Van Meter township and was educated in a rural school there and at Ellendale N.I. where she received her high school diploma and later her degree in education from the University of North Dakota-Ellendale Branch. She taught in rural schools in the area prior to her marriage.

Walter and Agnes had two sons, John W. born in 1942, and Oscar B. born in 1943. In 1948 Walter moved his family to Ellendale to enable the boys to get a better education.

During his farming career Walter Martinson served as director on many boards--township, local cooperatives and political organizations. In 1959 he retired and turned his farming operation over to his sons. Walter died of cancer on October 5, 1967, in St. Luke's Hospital at Aberdeen, South Dakota.

John W. and Oscar B. received their grade school and high school educations at the Ellendale Public School. John went to college at NDSU in Fargo, N.D. After two years,he came home to take care of the farm. In 1968 he married Linda Bethke from New Salem, N.D. They have one son, Michael. They still farm the original family homestead. Oscar (Bill) went to college at UND in Grand Forks, N.D. where he received his Bachelor and Master of Arts degrees. He then went on to get his PhD degree in Rural Sociology from the University of Wisconsin in Madison, Wisconsin. In 1977 he married

Susan Libecki of Pewaukee, Wisconsin. They have one daughter, Sarah Elizabeth and live in Robbinsdale, Minnesota. Bill is employed at the University of Minnesota.

JOHN MARTOLIN

John Martolin was born in Isokyro, Finland, in 1889. He came to America in 1912 spending a year at Biwabik, Minnesota, working in lumber camps.

In 1913 he came to Ludden, N.D. He worked on farms in that vicinity and took a few trips to other states. In 1954 he moved to a home he bought in the village of Ludden and there he lived the life of a confirmed bachelor.

He passed away in December 1968.

DONALD & GEORGIA MATHIAS

Georgia Swearingen, the daughter of Albert and Marion (Getty) Swearingen, was born Feb. 3, 1943, at Oakes, N.D. She attended school in Guelph through her freshman year and then went to Oakes High School after the family moved in 1958.

On March 22, 1960, she married Donald Mathias, son of Arthur and Lydia (Wertz) Mathias, who was raised and attended school in the Stirum area.

They have five children: Cynthia, attending NDSU in Fargo, Donna (Mrs. Craig Manke) who had one daughter and lives in Lisbon, N.D., Arlan, attending SSS at Wahpeton, Arlene and Curtis at home.

Georgia has eight brothers and sisters who are named in Albert and Marian Swearingen's history.

Georgia is a housewife and mother. She and her husband are farming and living on the farm his parents had in the Stirum area.

JOHN (SETULA) MATSON

John Setula, or Matson, his birthplace and date unknown, was a native of Finland.

He married Ida Isaac, (Kuoppala) in 1898. She was born at Cokato, Minnesota, in 1881 and came with her parents to Frederick, Dakota Territory in 1883. They farmed in the Ludden vicinity and later in Savo township, Brown County, S.D. Two children were born to them while they lived in the Ludden vicinity: Frans Wilson in 1899 and Lilja Eugenia in 1901. They moved to Gackle in 1903 and later to the west coast.

ELLA HANSEN McCOY



William and Ella McCoy

Ella, daughter of John A. and Marie C. Hansen, was born July 13, 1910 at Guelph, N.D. on her parents farm. She attended grade school at Port Emma #3, District #33, and then went on to high school in Ellendale and college at the N.I. She taught school for 7 years in N.D. and Minnesota and helped put her younger sister and brother through college. Ella worked in Georgetown Post Office in Washington, D.C. for a year in 1942-43. On November 20, 1943 she married William E. McCoy, an Air Force pilot, at Sulphur Springs, Texas. They had a daughter, Kathy, born at Westover Air Force base, Mass. on December 6, 1951. Kathy is married and lives at Fort Collins, Colorado. William and Ella retired in Derby, Kansas, where they presently reside.

JOHANNA ANNENA HANSEN McCOY



Johanna Hansen McCoy

Johanna Annena, daughter of John A. and Marie C. Hansen, was born February 16, 1906, on the farm (NE¼-S27-129-60) they rented southeast of Guelph. She attended school at Eaton #7 (SW29-129-60) in Port Emma. Upon completion of school she worked in Guelph and Hecla area for a while and then accepted a

job as governess at Moorhead, Minn. for 2 years.

Johanna attended Marlin Beauty School at Aberdeen, S.D., and then operated a beauty shop at Andover, S.D. Later she moved to Spearfish, S.D. and operated a beauty shop there, where she met William E. McCoy. They were married April 19, 1941, in San Antonio, Texas. They had one son, Randolph, born June 19, 1943. He got his Masters Degree in Science at Oklahoma State University, and went on a fellowship at Cornell University and got his PhD degree and now works through the University of Florida at the research center at Fort Lauderdale, Florida in the field of microbiology. Johanna died October 23, 1943, at Dallas, Texas.

WILL AND EDITH McCOY



The Will McCoy Family - 1927

Will came from Illinois to the Dakota area in the early 1900's. He helped build the railroad across the Dakotas, and then bought a claim 3 miles south of Guelph. On May 12, 1908, he married Edith Saunders, a local teacher at the school in the area, and the two of them lived on Will's farm.

To this union were born 3 children--Frances, Phyllis and Russell. Will was an honest, hard working meticulous farmer, who provided a good home for his family and who was a good neighbor. He and Edith were both musical and sang for funerals and other local functions.

In order that the children might attend high school they sold the farm in 1924 and moved to Ellendale. Will worked for the Holte Undertaking establishment as a driver for 2 years and then worked for Doc and Guy Lynde in the Chrysler Garage. Edith served on the Ellendale School Board for many years.

Frances married W.A. Sanders of Rosholt, S.D. He was a Methodist minister and the couple served churches in Indiana, New Jersey and California. They have four children--Arlan, Joyce, Phillip, and Carol.

Phyllis served in the Women's Auxillary Corps during World War II and later married Donald Haynes of Clearwater, Florida, where they still reside.

Russell married Ruth Purdy and they had one child, Katy. Russell passed away in 1954 in Battle Creek, Mich.

Through 3 generations the family has had a real penchant for education. Edith graduated from Ellendale Normal School; Russell from University of Minnesota; Frances from California State University; Reverend Sanders from Columbia University, their two sons from Chico State and University of Pacific, most with Master's degrees and one doctorate. This has led to positions in several professions including teaching, the ministry and pharmacy.

Will and Edith were members of the I.O.O.F. and Rebekah lodges. They were interested in the progress of the Guelph community. Will passed away in 1943. Edith left Ellendale to live with her daughter Frances and husband and family. She made her home with them for 35 years and passed away in Sacramento, California on August 5, 1977, at the age of 90.



Edith on her 90th birthday

C. FRED AND SHARON MEYER



Fred and Sharon Meyer

Fred was born to John and Lillian Meyer of Guelph on July 14, 1945, at Oakes, N.D. Sharon Moerke, daughter of Willard and Rose Elsen Moerke of Hecla, was born Sept. 26, 1961 at Britton, S.D. They were married Oct. 13, 1979, at Hecla, S.D.

Sharon has one sister, Diane Henningsen of Fullerton, N.D. Fred has 11 sisters and brothers: Roy, Vera, Ben, Betty, Dale, Johnny, Deloris, Ardyce, Virginia, Sharon and Nancy.

They are farming on the Meyer farm on the N½ of 8-129-60, located one mile south and ½ east of Guelph. The house they live in, Fred purchased from the Garth Holmes' in 1976, after the Holmes' built their new home.

They have no children.

HENRY (HANK), CARL, AND HERMAN (SWEDE) MEYER



Carl (in foreground) and Herman Meyer

Henry, Carl and Herman Meyer are the sons of Herman Claus and Carrie Froelling Meyer. Herman was born April 24, 1861, in Norden Ost Friesland, Germany, and came with his parents in 1885 to Columbus, Nebraska. Carrie was born May 15, 1874, in Germany and came with her parents in 1883 to Nebraska.

Herman and Carrie were married in 1889 in Columbus, Neb. In 1898, they moved to South Dakota and settled on a farm near Hecla. They had 13 children: Claus, Tena, John, Dena, Rose, Etta, Ann, Henry, Harry, Reka, Meda, Herman, and Carl.

Henry George was born May 11, 1907; Carl Frederick was born April 14, 1918; and Herman Arthur was born Sept. 30, 1916. All were born at Hecla. These three brothers moved to the Charlie Estee place south of Guelph in 1943. Herman (Swede) moved to Riverdale near Oakes in 1948, and Henry (Hank) and Carl moved to a farm (SE¼ of Sec. 5, 129-59) east of Ludden in 1948. Others who have lived on this farm through the years are Marion Taylor, George Hankel, Willard Hankel, Arnold Hankel, and "Wagon Lady".

Their father, Herman Claus, died in 1939; and their mother died in 1956.

JOHN AND LILLIAN MEYER



Left to right: Dale Meyer, Roy Meyer, Sharon DeBernardo, Bettty Elsner, Vera Henningsen, Nancy Mangin, Lillian and John Meyer, Virginia Rowe, Deloris Strutz, Ardyce Aberle, Johnny Meyer and Ben Meyer.

John H. Meyer was born January 28, 1898, at Columbus, Nebraska. Lillian Pfutzenreuter Meyer was born April 10, 1909, at Houghton, S.D. They were married April 17, 1927, at Aberdeen, S.D.

Their children are: Roy H. was married Oct. 13, 1953, to Lila Fetters of Hecla, S.D. They have six children and live at 18306 Soledad, Canyon Country, Space 24, California.

Vera married Harvey Henningsen July 3, 1948, and they live at Fullerton, N.D. They have seven children.

Ben married Diane Arneson April 23, 1975. They have two children and live in Oakes.

Betty married Robert Elsner Oct. 29, 1951. Betty and Robert have five children and live in Parksville, Minnesota.

Dale and Janet were married Sept. 23, 1957, and have three children. Their address is Eveleth, MN.

John R. married Rose Mae Vee June 18, 1961. They have three children and live in Oakes.

Deloris married Arthur Strutz of Oakes on Sept. 27, 1957, and they have eight children.

Ardyce married John Aberle, Sept. 23, 1961. They live near LaMoure and have four children.

Fred married Sharon Moerke and lives on his parents farm.

Virginia married Don Rowe in July 1970. They have three children and live in Oakes.

Sharon married Tom DeBernardo of Pierre, S.D. on June 7, 1978. They have four children and reside in Ogden, Utah.

Nancy married John Mangin of LaMoure on July 3, 1968. They live in West Fargo and have two children.

John's parents are Herman Meyer and his mother was a Frohling of Hecla. His sisters are: Tena Gerdes, Dena Lewis and Rose Smith, all of Hecla, Etta Hewitt, Oakes, Anna Lyman, Marshalltown, Iowa, Meda Pfutzenreuter, Frederick, SD. His brothers are: Henry, Carl, Herman and Harry all of Ludden.

Lillian's parents are Robert Pfutzenreuter of Hecla and her mother was an Olsen from Frederick, SD. Her sisters are: Mrs. (Al) Esther Herman, Mrs. (Walter) Elvina Burroughs, Arlee, Montana and a brother, Robert Pfutzenreuter of Hawaiian Gardens, CA.

John and Lillian moved to the Guelph area in Nov. 1939. Their homes have been located on Highway 11, NE¼ of 9-129-60 and N½ of 8-129-60. Due to ill health, they moved to Oakes in the fall of 1982 and reside at 212 N. 14th ST.

GEORGE AND GENEVIEVE MILLER

George was born December 12, 1865, in Kt. St. Gailen, Switzerland. At the age of five years, he, with his parents moved to America. The family settled on a homestead in Wisconsin, where Mr. Miller resided until 20 years of age, moving then to Garden City, S.D., and taking up a homestead.

In 1888 he married Genevieve Habi, who was born July 25, 1862, at Kt. St. Gailen and came to America at the age of 20.



George Miller

To this union were born four children: John Joseph, Joseph George, and Alvin George, and one daughter, Rose Marie, (Mrs. Herbert Van Meter).

In 1910 the family moved to Dickey County settling on a farm north of Silverleaf.

Mr. Miller died May 9, 1917 and Mrs. Miller died Feb. 8, 1938.

AMUND AND MARTHA MIDTGAARD



Martha and Amund Midtgaard

Amund Midtgaard was born April 1, 1872, at Maloy Nordfjord, Norway. The spring of 1891, he immigrated to the United States, settling in Iowa, near Fertile.

In the spring of 1893, Martha Madson arrived in Iowa from Hoddevik Nordfjord, Norway. In December 1893, Amund and Martha were married.

To them were born 4 children: Laura (Mrs. Lou Severson), Tillie (Mrs. Otis Nyhus), Anna (Mrs. Norman Storre), and Melvin. Laura and Melvin are deceased.

They heard the report of cheap productive land in the Dakota. In the spring of 1907 they moved to the Guelph, N.D. area, settling on the Ole Rholl farm in Ada township, just east of the John Saari farm. The Paul Weitala's and Nick Burkhardt's were their closest neighbors. Other neighbors were: Ole Barsness', Henry Halvorsons, Albert Dahls, Ole Olufsons, and Marcus Oliasons. All of these had come from the Fertile, Iowa, area.

In 1909 the Midtgards sold their land and returned to Iowa and bought a farm there. The Halvorsons and Dahls, also, returned to Iowa. Mrs. Dahl, who is 100 years old, is still alive at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Midtgaard are both deceased. They had 63 years of married life together.

Anna has been back to North Dakota several times as guest of the Berntsons. Her sisters Laura and Tillie were with her once. They found a different Dakota than when they lived here



Anna, Laura, Melvin and Tillie Midtgaard

FLORENCE COTTEN MITZEL

Florence Cotten Mitzel, daughter of Harley and Ruby (Guss) Cotten was born July 16, 1941, at Oakes, N.D. She attended school at Guelph while her parents lived on the Kendall farm northeast of Guelph. At that time, there wasn't any bus to jump on to get to school. Her mother brought the children in each morning and came for them at night. They moved to Fullerton while she was still in the grades. She graduated from Fullerton High School. She married Frances Mitzel on June 6, 1959. He is the son of Frank and Ann Mitzel of Ellendale. They have three children: Noreen, Devils Lake, N.D.; Kevin, Devils Lake, N.D.; Amy, Maddock, N.D. They have lived in Ellendale, Thompson, and Maddock, N.D., where he has been on the town police force. Florence has 1 brother and 3 sisters: Gary Cotten, Chicago, Ill.; Joyce Ulmer, Edgeley, N.D.; Mary Jane Lewis, Oakes, N.D.; Shirley Pfeifer, W. Fargo. Frances has three brothers: Dan, Jim, Charlie, and one sister, Doris.

WILLARD AND ROSE ELSEN MOERKE

Willard was born in Brown County, Liberty township, South Dakota on July 22, 1923, to John and Sadie Moerke. He has six brothers: Lloyd, Donny, Clyde, Jack, Darwin and Robert, and two sisters, Margaret Smith and Alice Symes.

He attended the "Wilson" school (Port Emma #3, Dist. 33) and Port Emma #1 when his parents lived in the Guelph-Ludden area.

On Nov. 28, 1946, he married Rose Elsen, daughter of Henry O. and Henrietta Elsen in Hecla, S.D. She was born May 28, 1926, on the Oltman Elsen farm near Hecla. They have two children: Diane, Mrs. Jim Henningsen of Fullerton, N.D. and Sharon, Mrs. Fred Meyer, of Guelph, N.D.

After leaving Guelph Willard farmed and is currently the assistant manager of the GTA Elevator in Hecla, S.D.

FLORENCE YOUNG MONROE



Florence Young Monroe

Florence Young, the daughter of Harry and Minnie Young, started Nurses' Training at Aberdeen, S.D. shortly after her high school graduation in 1939, but, her health broke down, so she rested at home awhile and later went to Minneapolis, Minnesota, where she did housework for a Jewish family for several months. Later, she traveled to California to visit and find work. Here she met Jack Monroe of the U.S. Navy at that time. Later, on May 21, 1943, they were married at Los Angeles, California, and lived in San Diego.

Next, they located in Reno, Nevada, where Dennis was born on Oct. 8, 1946. Jack worked for a railroad company. Their next move was to Red Bluff, Calif., to be closer to his work. About 1947, they moved to Lebanon, Oregon, where Jack found work at a Plywood mill and continued this for eleven years. Douglas was born Feb. 19, 1953, in Lebanon Hospital.



Jack and Florence (Young) Monroe, Dennis and Douglas

After several more moves, they settled at Goshen near Springfield, Oregon. Here Florence became the caretaker for a county park. She enjoyed her work very much, and was very good at it. In the spring of 1972, she finally had surgery for a brain tumor and didn't survive. Jack moved to Eugene where he lived for several years, and then on to Florence, Oregon, out on the coast. He passed away in Nov. of 1980 with cancer.

Dennis has a Navy career. He is married and has two boys and lives somewhere on or near the east coast. Douglas, the youngest, is single and lives in Eugene, Oregon. His is the head custodian and assistant maintenance engineer for Valley River Inn, a beautiful big shopping area for this part of Oregon.

CARROLL AND SHIRLEY MONTGOMERY



Mr. and Mrs. Carroll R. Montgomery, son Cory Clint and daughter Dusty Jean, July 1980.

Carroll Richard, the son of John (Jack) and Evelyn Montgomery, was born in Britton, S. Dak., on December 26, 1946. He attended grade school and high school in Guelph and graduated from there in 1964. He joined the Navy right out of high school and spent 3½ years there. After he came home from the Navy, he attended college at Ellendale Normal School.

On February 26, 1970, he married Shirley Featherstone, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Featherstone of Oakes, in the Oakes Methodist Church. They have a son, Cory Clint, born March 15, 1972, in Oakes, and a daughter Dusty Jean, born in Oakes, October 6, 1973.

The Montgomery's live in Oakes where Carroll has been a parts manager for over 10 years. He is presently employed at Kline's.

JOHN (JACK) AND EVELYN MONTGOMERY



Mr. and Mrs. John H. Montgomery

John H. Montgomery, Jr. was born January 1, 1917, at Lone Pine, Montana, and came to North Dakota at the age of 2 years with his parents, John H. and Alice Mae Linville Montgomery, Sr. His father was born in Mercer Co. Mercer, Pennsylvania, June 17, 1868. He was a farmer and bricklayer. His mother, Alice Mae, was born July 12, 1873 at Newport, Iowa. She was a pianist and gave piano lessons. They were married April 16, 1895, at York, Nebraska. John Montgomery passed away August 27, 1938, in South Dakota and is buried in the Hecla Cemetery. His wife married Evan J. Hubbard. She passed away June 26, 1965, at Santa Cruz, California.

John, Jr. spent most of his life in the Guelph and Ludden area. He lived in Valley City when he attended high school. He spent some time in the CCC. He enlisted in the army April 15, 1942, at Bismarck, North Dakota, and was stationed at Camp Robinson, Arkansas, and at Camp Campbell, Kentucky. He served in the Asiatic Pacific Theater as a technician fourth grade. He spent 1 year, 8 months and 11 days as the first cook for his company. He was discharged at Ft. Lewis, Washinton, December 21, 1945.

He married Evelyn D. Kullnat at Clarksville, Tennessee, August 7, 1942. She was born September 3, 1921, near Tamarock, Minnesota, in a one room log cabin with her father and Grandmother Lillian Mae Shanahan in attendance, as the doctor didn't make it. He came later. They lived in that log cabin in the winter and in the spring the three of them set off for Oakes, North Dakota, in a covered wagon. They bought milk, cream and eggs and some fruit and vegetables along the way. Her father, John C. Kullnat, was born in Bremen, Germany, December 23, 1894. He spent time in the Merchant Marines and traveled to many countries on the ship S. S. Kroonland. He came to New York City in 1914. There he found work as a butcher, then a bar tender. He heard about the west and went as far as Medora, N. D., but came back to Oakes and found a job as a hired hand for Harold Zieman's parents. Then he and a friend began farming east of Ludden. He met and married Margaret Mae (Pearl) Shanahan January 1, 1919, at Aberdeen, S. D. She was born March 7, 1904, at Cedar Bluffs, Nebraska, to John W. and Lillian Mae Williams Shanahan. They had 7 children, Evelyn D. Montgomery of Ludden, Vera M. Michaelis, Ellendale (deceased); Betty Zinter, Ellendale; John W. Kullnat, Bronx, New York; Donald A., Rapid City, South Dakota (deceased); Raymond C., Wilmington, North Carolina; Kenneth W., Oakes (deceased). Mrs. Kullnat passed away March 13, 1936 when giving birth to Kenneth. Mr. Kullnat married Emma Michaelis Kalbus March, 1945. They had 3 children, James E. of Pendleton, Oregon; Sylvia Aikens of Sidney, Nebraska, and Gary D. of Hazen, N. D.

Jack and Evelyn Montgomery had 3 sons born to them, a set of twins Robert and Ronald, born October 27, 1944, in Britton, South Dakota, when their father was overseas. He didn't get to see them until they were 14 months old. The third son, Carroll, was born in Britton, South Dakota, December 26, 1946.

Mrs. Montgomery lived in Ellendale with their twin sons until Mr. Montgomery returned home from the war December 23, 1945. In the spring of 1946 they moved to the old Sanford Baker farm. In the spring of 1947 they moved to the farm on which they now live, Section 11 in Port Emma township.

Jack and Evelyn spent the summers of 1966 and 1967 at the Artic Lodge and fishing camp on Reindeer Lake, in Canada. To get there they flew from Flin Flon to Lynn Lake and then took a float plane which was a cargo plane to the lodge. The second year they had to take a ski plane as the lake was frozen over. Mrs. Montgomery was the head cook and had the responsibility of making the menus and ordering the meat and groceries by radio to Prince Albert. Mr. Montgomery worked as mechanic on the boat motors.

Mrs. Montgomery cooked at the Guelph School and worked at the Ludden Bar and did other jobs. Mr. Montgomery did mechanic work, cement work and block and brick laying. He became ill in 1980 and passed away January 11, 1982. Evelyn still lives in their farm home.

ROBERT AND KAREN MONTGOMERY



Robert and Karen Montgomery, Shannon, Erin, Brittany, and Joel.

Robaert Montgomery was born Oct. 24, 1944, to John and Evelyn (Kullnat) Montgomery of Ludden, N. Dak. He attended Guelph school and graduated from Guelph High School in 1962.

He married Karen Lund of Lewiston, Montana, February 25, 1971. She is the daughter of Clifton and

Anne Lund of Lewiston. She was born July 2, 1947, at Lewiston.

They have 4 children: Shannon, age 11, Erin, age 7, Brittany, age 3, and Joel, age 1. Robert and Karen live at Lewiston where he is a musician and carpenter.

RONALD AND GAYLE MONTGOMERY



Ronald and Gayle Montgomery, John, Alvin, and Emily Marie

I was born Oct. 27, 1944, to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Montgomery of Ludden, N. Dak. and have two brothers, a twin, Robert, and Carroll. Following graduation at Guelph High School in 1962, I attended one year at Ellendale State Teacher's College.

After leaving Guelph, I joined the U. S. Navy and have been in service since as an Operations Specialist (the old Radarmen rating). I married Gayle Kraft of Oakes, N. Dak., June 26, 1965, in Oakes. She was born Aug. 29, 1946, in Britton, S.Dak., to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Kraft of Oakes, N. Dak. We have made our home in San Diego, California. Our first born, John arrived Jan. 5, 1967, Alvin, on March 31, 1972, and Emily Marie, on May 28, 1977.

After eleven cruises (periods of six months or more overseas) the family has grown very independent. Gayle is working as school librarian and is active in P.T.A. being past president. John is active in track sports; Alvin plays soccer and has been a player in AYSO (Youth Soccer League) for the last 3 years.

I am currently stationed at the Pacific Fleet Programming Center on Point Loma in San Diego. I am finally involved in the design and life cycle support of Naval Tactical Data System computer programs after 12 years of operating various equipment and systems, managing those systems and supervising personnel that use these combat direction systems and subsystems.

I have started college (again). Perhaps some day I'll be able to do a better job with writing efforts such as these. Current plan is to major in Business Information Systems.

FRANK AND MAUDE MOORE



Frank and Maude Moore

Frank Moore was born in Wisconsin to John Moore and Anna Reagan. He had one sister, Bessie, and four brothers. He was a twin, his twin was James. His other three brothers were Henry, Ed, and Robert. Frank was the only brother that came to North Dakota. He came as a young man in 1910 and worked as a farm laborer in the summer and went to Minnesota in the winter and worked in the timber. He worked for John Morgan until he started farming for himself. He met Maude McIntrye in Oakes where she worked as a nurse for a Doctor Maercklein in the Oakes Hospital. Maude McIntrye was born in Guelph, Canada, and came with her parents to Oakes, North Dakota. Frank and Maude lived in the Riverdale community before they moved to the Guelph area. They had five children, James, Vernon, Clyde, Helen and Betty. Vernon and Helen preceded them in death. Jim farmed in the Guelph area until he retired and moved to Oakes, Clyde lives in Modesto, California, and is a teacher, Betty Mae (Mrs. Emil Salo) lives in Aberdeen, South Dakota.

Frank and Maude retired from farming and moved to Oakes in 1962. He had been an active member in the Kent Township, serving on the township board, in the IOOF Lodge in Guelph. They were members of the Guelph Methodist Church.

Maude died in 1972 and Frank died in 1979.

JAMES FREDRICK AND PAT MOORE

James Fredrick Moore, known as "Fred", was born to JoAnn and James S. Moore in Oakes, North Dakota, on August 30, 1949. He has one older sister, Mrs. Warren (Eve Ann) Anderson of Oakes, North Dakota, and 2



Fred and Pat Moore, Kevin James and Kelli Jo.

younger brothers, John F. Moore, who is currently stationed with the U. S. Navy in Japan, and William J. Moore of Oakes, North Dakota.

For his first year of education, Fred attended a country school a couple miles south of his parents' farm. He attended another country school for his second and third grades in a one-room school house a couple miles west of his parents' farm. The remainder of his education was spent at the Guelph school, where he was one of ten graduates in 1969. While in high school, he participated in basketball, track, cross country, band and chorus.

After graduating from high school, Fred enlisted in the U. S. Navy, where he spent the next 3½ years stationed in San Diego, California, Memphis, Tennessee, Hawaii, the Phillipines, Japan, and Singapore, China.

On June 1, 1973, shortly before being discharged, he was married to Patricia Ann Forward.

Particia Ann (Forward) Moore was born to Marjorie and George Forward, Jr. of Oakes, North Dakota, November 1, 1952, in Aberdeen, South Dakota. Pat is the oldest of 3 sisters and 4 brothers. Mary (Forward) de Raismes lives in Elburn, Illinois; Cheri (Forward) Pearson lives at Milnor, North Dakota; and Jane (Forward) Andersen lives at Guelph, North Dakota. Her brothers, Tim, Jeff, Dennis, and Brian live on farms near Oakes, North Dakota.

Pat attended school in Guelph, where she was one in a class of nine that was the last class to graduate from Guelph High School in 1970. In high school, Pat participated in band, chorus, track, basketball, and cheerleading. From September 1970 to May, 1973, she attended Valley City (ND) State College. She graduated as an honor student in May, 1973, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education having a double major in business and physical education. While at VCSC, she participated in women's basketball and track, was a member of the Atheneum Sorority, Pi Omega Pi, and Kappa Delta Pi.

After Fred and Pat's marriage, they lived in El Cajon, California, near San Diego, until Fred was discharged from the navy in August, 1973. They returned to North Dakota, to live in Fargo for a year. After that they returned to farm with his dad until the summer of 1981, when Fred and Jim decided to rent out the farm land. Fred has been driving school bus for the Oakes Public School for the past 2½ years. He also works for Francis Maddock in Guelph, North Dakota.

Pat is a pyhsical education teacher and gymnastics coach at the Oakes Public School where she has been employed since 1975. She also is one of the coaches for the newly-formed Prairie Twisters Gymnastics Club in the area.

Fred and Pat have 2 children—Kevin James, born on April 24, 1977, and Kelli Jo, born on June 17, 1980. Kevin is attending kindergarten in the Oakes Public School.

JAMES AND JoANN MOORE



James and JoAnn Moore

James was born in Oakes, North Dakota, son of Frank and Maude Moore. He was the second child of this couple. He had two brothers and two sisters, Helen, first born, died at birth. Vernon, two years younger than Jim, died in 1936 with pneumonia following a near drowning accident. Clyde, four years younger, and Betty Mae, the youngest.

Jim went to school in Kent Township and at Guelph. He went to the Army in 1942, and served in the medical corps. He was stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, and Camp Carson, Colorado.

In Springfield, Missouri, at a service club, he met JoAnn Duffield, a nurse in the Cadet Nurse Corps, stationed at Springfield Baptist Hospital. They were married January 29, 1944. After Jim was discharged from the Army and Jo Ann was out of the Cadet Nurse Corps, they came to the Guelph area and started farming. (NE¼ of Sec. 10-129-61) They lived in Ada Township. They had six children, Eve Ann married to Warren Anderson, living in Oakes; James F. married to Pat Forward, living on the farm near Guelph; John F. married to Linda James in the U.S. Navy, stationed in Japan; Jane, still born; Gary died at the age of six weeks and William J. married to Charleen Peterson, living in Oakes, North Dakota.

JoAnn continued her profession after their children were in school. She worked at the Oakes Community Hospital and the Ellendale Nursing Center. She started as a voluntary 4-H leader in 1950 and retired from leadership in 1980. They retired from farming in 1981 and moved to Oakes, North Dakota.

JOHN AND LINDA MOORE



John and Linda Moore, Michelle and Chad.

John F. Moore was born September 15, 1951, to James S. and JoAnn (Duffield) Moore in Oakes, North Dakota. He has two brothers, James F. living near Guelph; William J. living in Oakes; and one sister, Eve Ann Moore (Anderson) living in Oakes, North Dakota.

John graduated from Guelph High School in 1969. At that time, it was a very small class, he graduated from a class of ten. He was a member of Guelph High School basketball team. He then went to the University of Grand Forks (Ellendale Branch) for a short period and decided to join the United States Navy. He went to bootcamp in San Diego, California, and then was sent to a class "A" school for aviation administrationman (AZ) in Memphis, Tennessee, for a period of eight weeks. Then he received orders to VT-28 Corpus Christi, Texas. It was at that time he met Linda S. James who was also stationed at the same squadron. They were married November 20, 1971. They have two children, one daughter, Michelle L., and one son, Chad A. They received orders to Hawaii for a period of 3½ years where at that time they traveled to Philippines and Okinawa. They then received orders to San Diego, California, for another 3 years. John decided he had enough navy life and wanted to see how life was on the outside. So they returned to Oakes, North Dakota, where he worked for Bob Forward hauling grain. When the grain was all gone, he went to work for the Guelph Elevator. Times being so hard, the family decided to re-join the U. S. Navy. They are presently stationed in Japan for the next 3 years (83-86). He plans to make the U. S. Navy his career.

WILLIAM J. MOORE AND CHARLEEN M. MOORE

Bill Moore was born to James and JoAnn Moore in the Oakes Community Hospital January 1, 1961. He was the "New Year Baby", the first in the state that year.



Bill and Charleen Moore

William is the youngest member of the family. He has one sister, Eve Ann Anderson, living in Oakes, two brothers, James F. living near Guelph and John F. in the U.S. Navy. He grew up in the Guelph area. He started to school at Guelph and attended three years there. When Guelph school annexed into the Oakes School District, he rode the bus from home into Oakes and then rode the bus back to Guelph for this 5th and 6th years of school. He graduated from Oakes High School in 1979. He worked for General Irrigation Supply during the summer vacation in 1978. During the senior year, he worked after school learning the irrigation business. Since graduation, he attended many workshops about irrigation and continues to work for General Irrigation. He met Charleen Peterson of Hecla, South Dakota. Charleen was born in Britton, South Dakota, to Howard and Florence Peterson. She has a sister, Nellie, and a brother Jeff, a half sister and brother, Debra and Charles. She attended school in Hecla, South Dakota. William and Charleen were married in Oakes Methodist Church February 12, 1983 and they live in Oakes.

JOHNNY AND EDITH MUELLER



Johnny and Edith Mueller, Yvonne Wilbur, Pearl Pahl, Ken Mueller, Sally Ann Widmer, Bette Jean Derry.

Johnny Mueller was born at Forbes, N. Dak. to Michael and Mary (Beierback) Mueller. Edith was born at Forbes to Gottfried and Amelia (Gebheart) Flagel.

They were married Feb. 18, 1931, at Forbes, N. Dak. Their children are: Pearl, married to Emil Pahl, and they have three children; Betty Jean married to John Derry and they have three children; Kenneth married to Betty Kurle and they have 3 children; Sally Ann married to Dell Widmer and they have 2 sons; Yvonne married to Larry Wilbur and they have 2 daughters.

John and Edith Mueller moved to the McGinnis farm in Ada Township, Sec. 7-129-61 in 1940. Their five children attended school at Ada #4 located on Highway 11 in Section 7. Play days and Y.C.L. (Young Citizens League) meetings were held in Guelph; therefore, the family had a special feeling about the friends they made in the Guelph area.

Their daughter, Pearl and husband, Emil Pahl moved to a farm 3½ miles south of Guelph in Port Emma township on Sec. 19-129-60. (See Emil and Pearl Pahl story).

Ken Mueller is an employee of Dickey Rural Telephone and is a vital person to all the patrons in the Guelph community.

Johnny and Edith now live in Ellendale but have fond memories of their days in the Guelph area.

CLARENCE A. (UNCLE BUD) NEWMAN



C. A. (Bud) Newman

Clarence A. Newman was born Dec. 27, 1851, on Biddle St. in Baltimore, MD. When a young man, he went to Columbus, Neb. as a land surveyor and teacher. June 27, 1878 he married Isabella Brindley of Columbus. He engaged in banking and farming. They had 2 children, Jesse G. and Della Elizabeth. His wife died July 12, 1903.

By 1907 he had left Columbus and bought land in South Dakota and later in Guelph, ND. His nephew, Harry Newman, also settled in Guelph and managed the grain elevator. The nickname, Uncle Bud, was probably due to him. Another nephew, Oliver Newman, settled on a farm near Hecla, SD.

Each summer, Uncle Bud would send his daughter, Della, and granddaughter, Louise, of Crete, NE a round trip rail ticket for a month's holiday in Guelph. And I, the granddaughter, as I write this recall the fun times we had. Everyone in town would know we were coming. Who could ever forget Saturday night movies at the lodge hall—sitting on planks laid across barrels and praying the lights wouldn't go out before the end; sitting at the counter of the four-stool restaurant gorging ourselves on Minneapolis ice cream; riding empty wagons out to Harry's threshing rig and returning atop the loads of golden grain on the way to the elevator. My grandfather loved his home on the hill on the north edge of town, where in the long summer twilight he could see the smoke of threshing rigs for miles around and smeel the good air.

At the end of Word War I, Jess joined his father on the farm at Guelph. Jess had been a Sergeant with the A.E.F. in France. He had married Anna Asche, a registered nurse from Columbus. She was an excellent obstetrical nurse and is probably remembered by some of the Guelph people.

Uncle Bud died April 26, 1921, in Guelph and was buried at Columbus, Neb.

For several years Anna and Jess continued to live in Guelph.

Submitted by granddaughter, Louis Smith

JAMES AND IRMA NEWHAM



Irma and Jim Newham

James (Jim), the son of George and Belle Davis Newham, was born on a farm northwest of Guelph. He grew to manhood in this community. He has three brothers: Charles of Minneapolis, George (deceased), and Paul of Minneapolis, and one sisiter, Annie (deceased).

He married Irma Marion Talbott in Minneapolis, Dec. 21, 1932. They spent the first 10 years of their married life in North Dakota moving to Richfield and Columbia Heights, Minnesota. A short time was also spent on a farm in New Richmond, Wis. Moving back to

Minnesota, they settled in Minneapolis, moving to various areas of the city. They now reside in the Palmer Drive Apartments in New Brighton.

They are th parents of 7 children: Gloria Jean Michurski who lives in St. Petersburg, Fla., Floyd Duane of Finlayson, MN, Wm Charles of Arden Hills, Julie Marie Latzke of Belle Plaine, Timothy James, of Arden Hills, Ronald Lee of Two Harbors and George Jerome of New Brighton. They have 17 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

Last December James and Irma observed their golden wedding anniversary in their church in New Brighton with a host of friends attending.

PAUL AND MARY NEWHAM



Mary and Paul Newham

Paul, the son of George and Belle Davis Newham, was born June 17, 1914, on a farm west of Guelph. He had 3 brothers, Charles of Minneapolis, George, (deceased). He married Mary Stende Sept. 27, 1937

Mary, the daughter of Andrew and Frances Wallace Stende, was born Jan. 16, 1916, on a farm near Guelph. She attended schools and grew up in the area. She has 2 sisters, Ida Reynolds of Minneapolis and Mildred (Mrs. Hugh Callow) of Ocean Shore, Wash. and a brother Albert (deceased). She went to Minneapolis with Lillian McGinnis, a neighbor girl, whose sister, Helen, was already there. They both found work and married.

Paul worked as a police officer in Minneapolis for many years.

Paul and Mary have 3 daughters: Joan Frances married Morris A. Arvidson. They have 4 children.

Mary Jane married Theodore J. Jacobson. They have 2 children. Besides the 9 grandchildren, the Newhams have one great-grandson, Curtis.

When Paul retired, they moved to Phoenix, AZ and spent 14 years there. They recently moved back to Minneapolis to be near their families.

Mary says, "We have lived in the most exciting time of history. We had the horse and buggy, the automobile, the aeroplane, the space shuttle, the trip to the moon. We saw the first radios, TV's, now computers. It has been a fast paced 67 years. We have seen cures for so many diseases, transplants of kidneys and hearts, artificial limbs which look real. We have experienced 2 world wars, many smaller ones, a drought, a depression, very good times and a few hard times. We are thankful for them all."

DALE AND HELEN NEWMAN



LEFT TO RIGHT: Helen and Dale Newman, Robert, Anna and Harry Newman.

Dale, the son of Harry and Anna Staab Newman, was born May 25, 1910. He attended grade school in Guelph and high school in Ellendale. He was active in sports.

June 13, 1935, he married Helen Zimbleman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Zimbleman. She was born September 17, 1911, at Fullerton. They moved to California and had one son Robert Lee, born November 26, 1936, who married Noel Lemas November 27, 1957. Bob teaches math and is coach of track and field in Fremont, California.

They have four children: Robert Michael served 4 years in the army and is now in college.

Mark is in college.

Bonnie attended college 2 years and is now working for MGM Television Studios.

Michael is in college.

Dale passd away March 23, 1970. He was in Nebraska and had attended his mother's funeral. He had a heart attack the day after.

Helen has glaucoma and is nearly blind.

HARRY AND ANNA NEWMAN

On Memorial Day in 1885 Harry Newman made his appearance at the farm home north of Columbus, NE. He was the third child of his parents' 11 children. Harry went to the country school for a few years but was not as fortunate as kids are today, as he had to help his father with the farm work, so he never even got to finish



Harry and Anna Newman

the 8th grade. It was interesting to hear that Harry's father also taught school, besides farming to help keep the family and his wage was $45 per month.

Harry worked with horses and mules. He remembers buying a team of mules for $150.00 then he picked corn at 2 cents for 3 weeks to buy a harness for the team. He also remembered his father bought a team of horses, wagon and harness for $25.00.

Anna Staab was born April 25, 1886, at Leigh, NE. She was the 3rd child of John and Elizabeth Staab's 14 children. Of course, since she was the oldest girl of the family, much of the responsibility of the housework - yes, even outside work was her lot.

Anna's schooling was brief - she figured probably around the 8th grade was the limit of her education. Her father bought a ranch from Dr. Hannah in Custer County in 1903, west of Ansley in Happy Hollow. Anna and three other children went along with dad to be company to one another and help get settled at what is now the old home place.

It was'nt surprising that Harry found reasons to visit in Custer County several times. Transportation was quite slow. Harry recalls later going to Ansley and purchasing 3 teams of horses, then riding and leading them back to Columbus and still later loading them in a railroad car and shipping them to Guelph, North Dakota.

When Anna was around 8 years old, the family moved to the old Staab farm near Boheet, NE. Anna related that they lived around 10 miles from Harry's home and one night she met Harry and his brother Ollie at Literary at the schoolhouse. About two weeks later she met Harry at a dance and he asked to take her home. This started a romance that lasted well over 60 years.

In February 1907 old cupid's dart struck home, and Harry and Anna were married at the Court House in Broken Bow. Their attendants were Anna's brother Aaron and a girl friend "Mary Thomas."

They were at the Staab home a couple weeks, packing Anna's belongings before returning to Columbus - but due to floods the people were unable to evacuate the house in which the newlyweds were to move into - therefore they made their home with Harry's folk a few weeks more before they could move to their first home 3 miles east of Columbus, in the winter of 1907, where they resided until 1910. Then they loaded up a train car with their belongings and animals and moved to Guelph, ND. They were greeted by one of the typical North Dakota winter storms, cold and snow - which they experienced the 48 years they lived here.

In May of 1910 their son Dale was born.

Harry farmed a few years - raised wheat, rye, oats and flax. Anna recalls of their planting the first corn raised around Guelph. The stalks were small and the ears about the size of popcorn ears. People came to the home to see this corn. As years went by Harry and, also, his brother Ollie planted and raised some good corn. Some of the first large fields of corn were raised by them.

Harry was elected manager of the Farmers Grain Elevator at Guelph which was a full time job, so he gave up farming and concentrated on making money for the farmers around Guelph through his business managing. Harry held this job for 25 years. Anna was kept busy cooking for hired help and keeping up the home and yard. She loved flowers and planted many. They always raised a big garden. It was an unusual sight to see their garden plot. The soil looked like fin coal dust, it was so black - compared to the light Nebraska soil.

Harry put down a deep well in his yard and people came from all around to get the good drinking water which they pumped themselves - using the old fashioned pump to draw it. The water had alkali and was hard. Anna would save rain and snow water for washing and laundry. The well water was impossible to wash clothes in - had no Tide back then.

Harry was elected Deputy Sheriff of Dickey County in 1951. he drove the 15 miles to Ellendale each day and served in this position until 1957 when he decided to retire.

They moved to Ansley, NE in September of 1957 to make their home and be near their brothers and sisters. They left many friends in North Dakota but made many new ones in Nebraska.

Harry died May 6, 1968 and Anna died March, 1970.

HENRY NIKKILA

Henry Nikkila was born in Simo, Finland, in 1843. He married Liisa Hauska. They had one son, William, born in Simo. Liisa died and Henry went to Norway where he married Kreeta Frank in 1871. She was born in Kemi, Finland, in 1850. They came to America in 1873 and settled in Michigan. There two sons, Edward and Walter were born to them.

In 1883 the Nikkila family came to Frederick, Dakota Territory. They homesteaded on the SE¼ of Sec. 21, Ada township. Later they sold their homestead rights to Michael Hokana and moved to Savo township, Brown County. There they settled on the SE¼ of Sec. 2. Kreeta Nikkila died in 1894.

Henry took his family and household goods in a wagon drawn by a team of horses and traveled to Bryant, SD, a distance of 200 miles. There Henry married Liisa Koistinen, who was born in Oulu, Finland, in 1842. Liisa passed away in Poinsett, SD in 1911. Henry went to live with his son, Walter and his family in Westboro, Wisconsin, 1914.

They were adherents of the Apostolic Lutheran faith, and Henry was a preacher in that church for many years.

Henry's oldest son, William, came with his grandparents to Hancock, Michigan, and lived there.

The third son, Edward, married Anna Kangas at Bryant, SD. They moved to Michigan where Anna passed away, leaving Edward with three children. He married Ida Sallinen at Bryant, SD. They lived for many years near Gackle, ND. Eleven children were born to them. Edward Nikkila passed away in 1942 or 1943.

LARS HERMAN AND ELSA NIKKILA

Lars Herman was born in Simi, Finland in 1845. He married Elsa Gustava Koivupalo in 1871. She was born in Rovaniemi, Finland in 1845. They migrated to Calumet, Michigan where Herman worked in the mines and were married shortly after they arrived there.

In 1883 they arrived in the Dakota Territory, homesteading in Ada Township, Dickey county on SW¼ of Sec. 30, what is now the John Martinson farm. Sometime later Herman built a house of lumber and painted it white. Then he would invite his neighbors, who still lived in sod houses, to visit at the "white house".

In 1903 the Nikkilas moved to Gackle, ND where Lars Herman died in 1916, and his wife died in 1919. They belonged to the Apostolic Lutheran Church. They had eight children. Of the eight children, 2 of them, Axel and Christ, returned to live in Ludden for several years.

ARNE J. NIXON



Harold and Anna Maddock, Arne Nixon

Arne Nixon taught in the 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade room in Guelph School in 1946-47. His students included Earl Grady, Maurice Maddock, Marilyn Brown, Patsy Hauser, Gladys Anderson, Tommy Vie, and Janeen Hauser, and for a few weeks, Mary Rollo, who moved later to Oakes. The faculty at that time included Gladys Oliason, principal, Bill Bauer, and Wilma Schwarting Enger.

After leaving Guelph, Arne returned to the NI and obtained his degree in education. From there he went in 1948 into the Indian Service and taught for 2 years in the Cape Flattery School District in Neah Bay, Wash. Neah Bay is the most northwesterly point in the United States and receives more than 140 inches of rainfall annually. While he was in Washington, he earned his master's degree in education at Western Washington State University in Bellingham.

From Neah Bay, Arne went to Tulare, CA where he served for 11 years as a teacher, principal, and assistant superintendent of schools. During the time he was there, he took time off to go to Columbia University in New York where he completed his doctor's degree in education. He left Tulare in 1961 to become a professor at California State University at Fresno, CA. His first assignment there was to go for 2 years to the Republic of the Sudan in Africa where he worked for 2 years as a trainer of teachers at one of the teachers colleges of the nation. he returned to California and has served at the university at Fresno for 22 years as Director of Summer Sessions, Chairman of the Department of Teacher Education, and currently he serves as Professor of Teacher Education there. Dr. Nixon's field is children's books and storytelling. He travels all over the United States and indeed all over the world as an authority on storytelling. Recently he spent 8 months in Finland studying Finnish folklore and literature. He has traveled in most of the countries of the world.

Although he actually lived only a relatively short time in Guelph, he has always considered himself a citizen of that community. His special privilege was to live, while teaching in Guelph, with its number one citizen, Mrs. Mary Lou Wagner, who employed him as a teacher in her capacity as President of the Board of Education.

JAMES AND DARLENE NORMAN



Darlene, Jimmie, Scott, Pearl Thorpe (Darlene's Mother) and Craig.

James, the son of Leo Charles and Norman James Norman was born Jan. 22, 1945, in Norfolk, NE. He has 2 sisters, Connie Norman Johnson of Houston, TX, and Carol Ann Norman Shipman of Stromsberg, NE. He married Darlene Jo Ann Thorpe, Jan. 23, 1966, in Guelph United Methodist Church. Darlene, the daughter of Wm. Henry and Pearle Buro Thorpe, was born Feb. 8, 1945, at Ludden, ND. She has 2 sisters, Gloria Andrewjeski of Minneapolis and Patricia Carl of Mound, MN, and 2 brothers, Stanley of Emmetsburg, Iowa, and Larry of Guelph.

James and Darlene have 3 sons: James Allen born Oct. 31, 1966, Craig Alan born March 22, 1970, and Scott Alan born Sept. 22, 1971.

In 1967 Darlene was employed by United Airlines of Denver as Reservations agent, a job which has provided her and her family with many inexpensive trips.

Her first free trip was from Denver to Los Angeles where she went right after she was hired for 2 weeks of training. Since then, they have made many trips to North Dakota, to Minneapolis, to Los Angeles 3 times, Hawaii 5 times. In November of 1970 she and her mother went to Finland to visit relatives. They traveled extensively there and were within 30 miles of the Russian border. Eight years later they returned again to Finland but this time in July. They enjoyed this trip more than the first one as now they experienced the Land of the Midnight Sun (daylight all the time) as the first time there was scarcely any daylight. There had been much modernization in the homes during the 8 years. Nearly everyone had a car.

Darlene says, "My sons are what they call 'airline brats'. They don't really appreciate the benefits I have had working for the airlines because they have had these almost all their life and don't know any different. They will lose their benefits when they reach 21 years of age—then they will miss what they have had. All they have to pay now is a service charge.

Darlene and James were divorced in 1980. Darlene married Ron Booker March 25, 1983.

TERJE AND HENIE NORDLI



Terje and Henie Nordli and children.

Terje Nordli, son of Ole and Sonja Nordli of Bardu, Norway, was born March 1, 1944. In 1959 he came to the United States and made his home with his mother's aunt and cousin, Thea Bertnson and Gladys. While here, he attended Guelph High School and worked on the Berntson farm and with the Mooneyham combine crew.

He returned to Norway and worked in a lumber yard with his father and brother. At present he does carpentry work and works with SAS at Bardufoss airport.

He is married and has 4 children.

ELECTA MARIA WAITE NORTON



Electa Norton

by granddaughter, Muriel M. Howard

Grandma's father, William Waite, was born in Ontario, Canada. He married Elizabeth Butterworth, who came from England on a sailing vessel that took 3 weeks to cross the Atlantic Ocean.

Grandma was born April 12, 1857, on a farm between Moorefield and Drayton, Ontario, Canada. She was one of 11 children: James Sylvanus, John George, William Henry, Andrew Washington—his twin, Mary Jane died in infancy, Amos, Isabella Cyrena, Elizabeth Ann, Mary Emily - better known as Emma - and the last baby died in infancy. Six are buried in the Ellendale, ND cemetery, one in California, one in Michigan and three in Ontario, Canada. Their father is buried in the Ellendale cemetery and their mother is buried in Drayton, Ontario, Canada. She lived to be 67 years old and he 80.

Grandma married Cory Burleigh in Michigan, who operated a confectionary store. Some time after his death she married Robert Edward Howard of Ohio and some time later after his death in 1894 she married William Norton.

Grandma filed a claim at one time and kept house for her borther, Sylvanus.

Her children, Ida J. Burleigh and Alva A. Burleigh, were born in Michigan. Alva believed in spelling words



LEFT TO RIGHT: Back row - Emma, Nettie and Kathryn. Front row - Grover, Alva and Billie.

as they sounded so he wrote his name as Burley. Later in life he married Icie Mahin of Dawson, ND. To them were born 2 sons, Clarke and Robert.

Grover C. Howard, Ada Howard (Mrs. Frank Fawcett), Nettie E. Howard, Emma Howard (Mrs. Clinton Von Eschen), Kathryn M. Howard, and Nellie B. Howard were born on a farm near Ellendale.

William (Billy) C. Norton was born on a farm near Guelph, ND. He married Winnie Wagner. Of the 9 children 7 are deceased and buried in the Ellendale cemetery, except Ada, who is buried in the Ludden, ND cemetery. Grandma is also buried in the Ellendale cemetery as is Grandpa Howard. Grandma died Sept. 26, 1936 of pneumonia.

The 2 living children, Emma lives in Ellendale and Kathryn in Mitchell, SD.

Grandma lived to see her 8 grand children: Russel R. Fawcett (deceased) and Blanche M. Fawcett of Dixonville, Alberta, Canada, Lucille Von Eschen (Mrs. Walter Schroeder of Sacramento, CA), Roderick Von Eschen of Carroll, Iowa, me, Muriel M. Howard of Ellendale, Huigh C. Norton of Horse Shoe, N. Ca., Clarke B. Burley of Minneapolis, MN, Robert C. Burley of Oakes, N.D. Russel has 3 boys, Blanche has 4 boys and 1 girl, Lucille has 2 girls and a boy, Hugh has 1 boy, Clarke 1 boy and Robert 2 boys and a girl. One girl died at the age of 6 weeks. Roderick hasn't any children and has remained single.

I remember Grandma telling when she came to North Dakota, she washed clothes for some one to buy soap for her washing and how long a quarter's worth of sugar had to do. She burned straw in the stove and lighted a wick and burned it in a saucer and that was their only light. She was a very hard worker but always had time for company when they came. She was great for serving lunches and meals to anyone who came along. She was an excellent cook - always made an 8 layer pyramid style fruit cake for the centerpiece on the table for our Christmas dinner.

Life for her was better when she moved to Guelph in 1918 into a new house built by her son, Billy. She was always ready to call on the sick and take them something home made. As most people of that day, she didn't use a recipe or measure anything. She made the children's dresses when they were growing up and worked both inside and outside. Through marriage she became a citizen of this country but was always a Canadian at heart. She often said she didn't want any of our Yankee ways. She was so happy when she could stand on Canadian soil and see the Union Jack (Canada's flag) fly. When she talked she left her "H's" off and put them on where they didn't belong. We thought this was funny and talked like her until we realized it disturbed her. When she ate at a restaurant she always ordered a piece of "happle" pie, a cup of green tea, and a fried cake and got a pancake instead of a doughnut, as she expected.

Ida worked at the dormitory in Ellendale, Alva, Grover and Billy herded sheep and cattle when just children. Later Alva had a little ice cream parlor in Guelph and Grover bought the Guelph store from the farmers. Billy farmed and did some carpenter work Nettie worked in the Guelph bank and helped Grover in the store. Nellie taught school at Guelph and was deputy county supertintendent, Emma worked at the court house in Ellendale and the post office at Guelph, Kathryn worked in a store in Mitchell, SD then came to Guelph and helped in Grover's store. Ada and her husband farmed near Ludden. I worked part time at the Court house and then went to the bank in Ellendale where I worked 26 years. Now I ,am enjoying retirement in my home in Ellendale.



Muriel Howard, 6 years old.

HUGH C. & ELFRIEDA NORTON



Elfrieda Norton, Hugh Norton

Hugh C. Norton, son of William C. (Billy) and Winnie Norton, was born in Guelph in April, 1919. He attended the Ada township grammar school and the Guelph High School, from which he graduated in 1936. After finishing his schooling, he worked for the federal government for many years. In 1950, he married Elfrieda Engelmann Norton, who was born in June, 1922, in Coplogne, Germany. Hugh and Elfrieda have one child, Rick Steven Norton, who resides in Chico, CA. Hugh and Elfrieda have lived in Horse Shoe, North Carolina, for the past ten years where they are now retired.

WILLIAM C. AND WINNIE NORTON



LEFT TO RIGHT: Rick, Hugh, Effie, Billy and Winnie. Billy and Winnie's 49th Wedding Anniversary.

William C. (Billy) Norton, son of Electa Waite Norton, was born August 14, 1896, on a farm in Ada township, the last of eight children of Electa.

Electa Marie was previously married to Cory Burleigh in Michigan before she came to North Dakota in 1883. After arriving in the Guelph area she kept house for her brother Sylvanus Waite and then later married Robert Edward Howard. After Howard's death, she was left with six small children and one older son, Alva Burleigh. She later married William Norton and as a result of this union Billy was born.

In July 1916, Billy married Winnie Wagner, daughter of Jacob and Mary Lou Wagner. Shortly after they were married, Billy left to serve as an infantryman in World War I, while Winnie taught school in the Guelph area. She later worked in the Guelph State Bank from 1922 to 1924.

In 1925 Billy and Winnie moved to the farm in Ada township which Billy's uncle, John "George" Waite, homesteaded in about 1882. This farm thereafter remained in the Waite-Howard-Norton families until sold by Billy and Winnie in 1979, at which time they retired and moved to Ellendale. Billy passed away in January 1981, while Winnie continues to live in their retirement home in Ellendale. Their one child, Hugh Norton, graduated from Guelph High School and currently resides in Horse Shoe, North Carolina.

CARL AND EMELIA OLIASON



Back Row: Kenneth, Virginia, Doris, and Wesley.
Front Row: Carl and Emelia Oliason.

Carl Oliason, son of Marcus and Karen Pederson Oliason, was born at Tensjaer, Norway, in 1890 and came with his parents and grandfather, Olai Tarelson, to the United States when Carl was 5 years old. The family settled on a farm near Fertile, Iowa. From there they moved to Guelph, N.D. area when Carl was 15 years old. He helped his folks on the farm and worked at an Ellendale bank to help pay his way through Ellendale State Normal School. He also attended the North Dakota State Agriculture College in Fargo, now known as NDSU. Carl bought a quarter of land (NW ¼ of Section 19 in Port Emma Township) and began his farming career.

In 1919, he married Emelia Erickson, daughter of Ole and Julia Erickson, who lived fairly close to the Oliason's when they were in Iowa. Julia and a son, Oscar, died and Ole married Ingaborg Mordahl and they moved from Iowa to Minnesota and later moved to North Dakota. Emelia came to the Guelph-Ellendale area and worked as a cook with a threshing crew before she and Carl were married.

Carl and Emelia left North Dakota in 1919 and started a farming operation near Meridian, Idaho. They paid off the farm mortgage 13 years ahead of time during the depression years by diversified operation and hard work. Carl never went back to visit in N.D., as he vividly remembered the "hard winters", however, he did plan to go the year he died, 1957.

He and Emelia had 4 children: Doris, Kenneth, Virginia, and Wesley (who died in 1961).

Emelia helped milk registered Holstein cows, crated thousands of eggs from nearly 2,000 hens, and ironed dozens of shirts for traveling preachers who would lodge at the Oliason home periodically those days.

Carl was active in politics to an extent, running for the United States Senate from Idaho at one time. He was an organizer and director of various credit unions in the state, co-operative creamery, Co-op Oil Association, Grange, Mutual Life Insurance Co., member of the Grange at all levels, Farm Bureau, and other endeavors.

Emelia and Carl retired from Mountcrest Farm after 35 years to a 3-acre home in Meridian, Idaho, where Emelia still lives. She has 1 cat and a small flock of

chickens. She bakes bread, etc. and is a "young" 88 year old Great grandmother that is "still on the go".

Carl had a sister, Annie, (deceased) and a brother, Melvin, living in Boise, Idaho.

MARCUS AND KAREN OLIASON



Front Row: Grandma Oliason, holding Neal Haskell, Lena's son, Melvin Oliason, Grandpa Oliason, Grandpa Oliason's Father (Olai Tarrelson)
Back Row: Lena (Oliason) Haskell, James Haskell- Lena's son, Carl Oliason, Annie (Oliason) Baumchen, Odin Oliason, Theresa Oliason.

Marcus and Karen Pederson Oliason were both born and married in Norway. They and their children, except Melvin, and Marcus' father, Olai Taralson, left Norway in 1895 and came to Iowa. They settled on a farm near Fertile. Mrs. Oliason had a brother living in that area who had encouraged them to come. Oct. 2, 1899, their son Melvin was born to them.

There was much talk of cheap productive land in the Dakotas, so in 1905 they, along with several other families, came to the Guelph area. They lived at first on the Clint Craft farm NW¼ of Section 17, 2 miles south of Guelph. Later they bought the south half of Section 19, which was a 1½ miles south of the Craft farm. They erected a set of buildings there and lived an active farm life there until 1920 when they moved to Idaho and bought a small tract of land near Ustick on which they had an orchard. Ustick no longer exists. It was near Boise. Their daughter Annie and family were already living in the area.

Marcus and Karen had 3 children - Carl, Annie and Melvin. Marcus had been married previously and to this marriage were born Odin, Lina, and Theresa. His wife died at the birth of Theresa.

Marcus' father, Olai, had passed away in 1912 while they were living in North Dakota. He is buried in the Ellendale cemetery. Marcus passed away in 1938 and Karen passed away in 1946. Both are buried in the Boise cemetery.

Mrs. Oliason was a sister to Bert Pederson.

GLADYS OLIASON



Gladys Oliason

I, the daughter of Odin and Thea Knutson Oliason, was born Sept. 5, 1911, in the house on the farm in Ada Township (SE ¼ of Sec. 13) where I now live. I attended school for my first and second grades in Port Emma School #2. Then life for our happy family of 5 (for now my brother Maynard and sister Thelma had been born) was disrupted. My father had gone threshing with Charlie Homerberg and contacted the Spanish flu which was raging as an epidemic in the are. He was very ill. For many who had the flu, either pneumonia or quick consumption developed. For my father it was quick consumption. The doctor advised that he be taken to Phoenix, Ariz. to a sanitorium there. By November we had had an auction sale and our family was headed for Phoenix traveling by train. I still remember that as the train pulled in to Pocatello, Idaho, we saw a fire with the effigy of Kaiser Wilhelm suspended above it. At the station the train personnel were told that the Armistice had been signed and that was the way they were celebrating. We stopped in Boise, Idaho, to visit my grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Oliason. Mother and father went to the doctor there for advice. They thought perhaps we could stay in Idaho. But the answer was "Go on to Phoenix". It wasn't easy for mother to come to a strange city with a sick husband and 3 small children. Fortunately, the wife of the proprietor at Vendome Hotel had compassion. She rented 2 rooms in her home to mother and looked after us children during the day when mother visited my father. We were there only about 2 months when my father passed away. We came back to Guelph for my father's funeral which was held in the IOOF Hall. We lived with the Andrew Stende family the rest of that year and my brother and I attended Port Emma #2 again.

My mother married Sig Berntson Dec. 8, 1920, so we moved to Willard, Mont. to live in his home. In 1924 we moved back to Guelph, returning to the farm my father and mother owned. She had not sold it.

Since I was the oldest in the family, I was mother's helper in caring for my brothers, Maynard and Royal, and sister, Thelma and Bernice, and learned at an early age to prepare simple foods, as mother had to help with field work. Those were difficult years. We children

also, helped some with field work, such as shocking grain and helping make hay. We also had to help milk the cows, feed the calves and pigs.

After finishing grade school, I attended high school in Guelph for 3 years, then went to NI in Ellendale for my last year of high school, as Guelph did not offer the fourth year.

With only 6 months of college, my teaching career began Sept. 1930. I taught that year in Ada #2. (All the schools I taught and all the grade schools I attended were #2) I was to attend summer sessions at NI and teach during the school year until 1939 when I attended NI the whole year and in Aug., 1940, I received my Bachelor of Science degree with a major in home economics and minors in English and commerce. When I was handed my diploma, tears of joy flowed. I had thought I would never attain that much education, as funds for attending school were so limited.

My teaching career has included teaching in one-room rural schools with all 8 grades, in graded schools and in high school (teaching only 2 years in my home economics major). I also taught 3 years in the Air Force Radio Tech. school in Sioux Falls, S.D. where I taught soldiers Morse code and communications. After teaching 37 years, I retired. Of those years, 26½ were given to the Guelph School. Salaries for teachers were low. For one term of 8 months, I received $45 a month. I enjoyed all my teaching experiences and hope I taught more than subject matter. (I still wonder who put the dead mouse in my desk. Whoever it was did not get the repercussion expected, I'm sure, for after I saw it, I closed the drawer and pretended there was nothing unusual.)

I have done some traveling. Since my brother Maynard and sister Thelma and families live in California, Mother and I made several trips there. We made 2 trips to Norway. It was a thrill for me to see the house my father and his parents lived in Tennsjaer, Norway, and to stand on the ground where my mother's home had been. Now the Bardufoss Norway air port is there. It was a joy to become acquainted with two of my uncles and an aunt and many cousins. We also had a delightful trip on a coastal boat in and out of the fjords of Norway to the northernmost point within 6 miles of the Russian border. We traveled by bus to the top of North Cape. We crossed the Atlantic both times on the ship S. Bergensfjord, which was a floating hotel with 1000 people. Muriel and Nettie Howard and I took a tour to Niagara Falls, Atlantic City, New York, and Washington D.C. Karen Andersen (Mrs. Roland Waite now) and I took a bus trip to Florida to visit Mr. and Mrs. Verne Wheeless and did sight seeing there. Enroute home, we toured New Orleans. I also attended the World's Fair in Chicago and Seattle.

Even though I am retired from the classroom, I find myself very busy being active in the Guelph United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women, Bible Study group, Missionary Prayer Band and the Guelph Garden Club. I, also, give some of my time to visiting friends and others in the Ellendale Nursing Home and Oakes Good Samaritan Home. I enjoy my many friends far and near as well as my relatives. I take special interest in my garden and flowers and caring for my chickens. I enjoy to read and crochet. I thank God for each day He gives me.

MAYNARD AND RUTH OLIASON



The Oliason Family: Robert, his wife Sheralyn, Mark Oberholtz, Gladys Raye, Karen and Michael Overholtz. Seated is Maynard and Ruth Oliason with granddaughter, Suzanne.

Carl Maynard, the son of Odin and Thea Knutson Oliason, was born Jan. 28, 1913, in the Oliason farm home near Guelph. He attended rural schools in the Guelph area and at Willard, Mont. He attended 3 years of high school in Guelph and then finished his last year in Ellendale High School. He attended NI and received his Bachelor of Science degree from there in 1935. He relates the following facts from his life: "After graduation from college, I went to Yellowstone Park to work during the summer season. The following years, I was employed in accounting services in Twin Falls, Idaho, Yellowstone Park, Wyoming, Death Valley, Calif. and with the U.S. Dept. of Justice. After resigning from government service in 1940, I returned to employment in Death Valley. Late in 1941, I accepted a position as assistant general manager of Grand Canyon - Boulder Dam Tours on Lake Mead in Boulder City, Calif., which position I continued to hold until my entry into the military service Nov. 3, 1942.

While in Death Valley, I met Death Valley Scotty and had numerous contacts with him in connection with my services there. I went to see him at this castle and was given a tour of the castle by him personally. But more important, I met Ruth Linn Watson in Death Valley in 1941 when she came to work there. She is the daughter of Cameron and Mabel Watson and was born Sept. 11, 1912, at Keeler Saskatchewan, Canada. We were married Nov. 5, 1942 in the Methodist Church in Las Vegas, Nev.

I entered military sevice Nov. 3, 1942, and was sent to Miami Beach, Fla. for basic training, to Kansas City, MO., to Radio School, to Jefferson Barracks, Mo. for overseas training and then to Maxwell Field, Ala., where I was assigned to the 134th Army Airways Communications Squadron as an operator and later as chief operator, including in-station training of W.A.A.C.operators as station replacements.

I left for overseas duty Oct. 3, 1944 by boat, landing in Scotland. From there by train to England, by plane to Paris, France, and by truck to join my overseas unit near the frontlines near Nancy. Although I was in the Air Force, most of my overseas duty was on detached

service with army combat units providing communication and air control at advance air strips to handle evacuation of battle casualties and supply of needed battle supplies. I served most of this time with the third army commanded by General Patton.

We proceeded on through France arriving at Thionville before Christmas where we were during the Battle of the Bulge handling air field evacuation of battlefield casualties. Later in the spring we moved on to cross the Rhine River at Frankfurt, Germany, and then on to within approximately 100 miles of Berlin where we were ordered to stop to wait for the Russians to take the city. We then proceeded south to Munich, Germany, in connection with operations in that sector. Later in the year, I was transferred to Copenhagen, Denmark, as an operator at the main airfield, handling trans-ocean communications and weather reports. This was my first opportunity to operate high speed with more sophisticated equipment than was available under battle field conditions.

I received the American Theater Ribbon and the European American Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon. Three battle stars were awarded me for compaigns in the Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe.

I departed for home Nov. 24, 1945, and arrived in the United States Nov. 30, 1945. I was separated from the service Dec. 7, 1945, at Camp McCoy, Wis. and then went on to St. Paul, Minn. for a reunion with my wife and my daughter. After a short visit in Lindstrom, Minn. with Ruth's family, we went on to North Dakota to spend the Christmas holidays with my family. From there we returned to Boulder City, Nev. to resume my work at Lake Mead in the position I held when I went into the service.

I left there in 1947 to accept employment with R.W.E. Cole and Co., in Los Angeles, Calif. After passing the examination, I received my C.P.A. certificat dated Jan. 28, 1955. After this, I became a partner in R.W.E. Cole and Co., continuing until my partner retired in 1978. Since then I have continued my professional career, providing advisory, consultant and internal audit services to selective clients from our prior partnership accounts.

The Oliasons have 2 children: Gladys Raye, born June 6, 1944, married to Michael LeRoy Oberholtz of Glendora, Calif. on July 1, 1967. They have 2 children, Karen and Mark and live in Temple City, Calif. Robert Odin, born Sept. 17, 1947, married Sheralyn Ficaro, San Gabriel, Calif., Feb. 16, 1974. They have a daughter, Suzanne Christine, and live in La Jolla, Calif.

Maynard has 3 sisters: Gladys, Thelma Stevens and Bernice Rollo and a brother, Royal. Ruth has a sister, Margaret Tessman and a brother, Cameron, Jr.

MELVIN AND RUBY OLIASON

Melvin, the son of Marcus and Karen (Pederson) Oliason was born in Fertile, Iowa, Oct. 2, 1899. He moved with his parents to the Guelph area in 1905. He attended rural school in Port Emma #2. He took a business course and was trained as an accountant. After moving to Boise, Idaho in 1920 he was employed with Idaho Power.

August 17, 1939, he married Ruby Stoops of Boise, Idaho. To them were born 2 children, Beverly of Holliday, Utah, and Donald of Spokane, Wash.

Melvin had a brother Carl, a sister, Annie Baumchen, a half-brother, Odin and 2 half-sisters, Lina and Theresa. All are deceased.

Melvin has now retired.

ARTHUR AND HATTIE OLSON



Arthur and Hattie Olson - Dec. 1915.

Arthur P. Olson came to Guelph, in about the year 1912 as depot agent and telegrapher for the Great Northern Railway Co. Before he came here, he took his training under an operator at Hastings, Minnesota. His parents, one brother and 2 sisters lived in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Arthur's father was a carpenter or cabinet maker most of his life. Arthur roomed and boarded at the Frank Dennison residence before his marriage.

The parents of Miss Hattie Anderson both came from Gottenberg, Sweden - Mr. Carl J. Anderson came in the years 1888, and Anna Danielson came in 1889. They both came to Hildreth, Nebraska, where they were married. They were both baptized and confirmed in the Klamer Lan Church (Swedish Lutheran Church) in Sweden. At Hildreth, they both attended the M.E. Church, as there was no Swedish Church in Hildreth. The Anderson family had 5 children: Elmer, August, Hattie, Arnold and Alice. The family decided South Dakota was a good place to live, so on February 18, 1910, a sale was held, and they moved to Hecla, S.D., where they lived for about 3 years. About 1913, they moved to a farm 12 miles west of Frederick, S.D. Hattie was a school teacher and taught in the vicinity of Wirck, N.D. She received her early training at the S.N.I.S. at Ellendale.

In December of 1915, Hattie was married to A.P. Olson at the Anderson (her parents') home. Rev. Merchant of Guelph M.E. Church conducted the

ceremony. After the reception, the couple left from Frederick by train to his parents' home in Minneapolis. They also visited relative at Hastings, MN and Indianapolis, Indiana. After their honeymoon, they were at home at Guelph. To this union 5 children were born: Alice, Ruth, Eleanor, Phillip and Phyllis.

In the year of 1937, the family moved to LaBolt, S.D. Later, they moved to Huron, S.D. Arthur Olson passed away in May 1953, and Hattie Olson passed away on April 12, 1969.

OLAF AND GERTIE OLUFSON



Verne, Elmer, Gene, Gertie, Olaf, Inez, Leslie and Raymond

Olaf Olufson was born in Rossfjordstraumen, Norway. He came with his parents, Ole and Olina Olufson and sister, Anna and cousin, Jens Carlson, to the United States in about 1895 or 1896. They settled on a farm near Hanlontown, Iowa. Hearing of cheap land in North Dakota, they moved again, this time to a farm south west of Silverleaf about 1905.

On July 1, 1916, he married Gertie Tollefson of Clement. She was born in that township and lived there until then. She had three brothers Tollef, John and Adolph, and one sister, Hennie, all of whom are now deceased. At present Gertie is confined to a nursing home in West Los Angeles because of a stroke.

The Olufsons farmed in the Guelph area living on the farm one half mile south of Bakers (in Sec. 2-129-60) in Port Emma Township until Oct. of 1935, when they moved to Norco, California. Olaf worked in the L.A. Brick Yards at Alberhill for a number of years and later at Kaiser Steel in Fontana. Their six children were all born near Guelph, and all attended Port Emma School #1; Gene, Inez, and Leslie graduated from there.

Gene died in 1967. His wife, Grace (from St. Louis, Mo.) and their three children, Karen, Debbie and Gary, live in Fontana, California.

Inez married Harold Rowe of Ellendale, and they live in Culver City California. Both are retired. Their five children, Alan, Dennis, Kathleen, Marvin, and Michael all live in Southern California.

Leslie was married to Grace Duncan of Ellendale. She died in January, 1982. He and their son Michael and family live in Oregon.

Elmer married Marjorie Smith of Norco, California. They live in Yucaipa, Ca. Their three sons, Robert, Ronald, and Russell live in southern California.

Raymond married Marily Mousley of San Bernardina, California and they now live in Santa Clara, Ca. Their three children, Lynn, Jim and Steven live in that area also.

Verne married Mary Hanrahan and they live in Reseda, California. Two children, David and Linda also live in that area.

OLE AND OLINE OLUFSON



Ole and Oline Olufson

Ole Olufson was born May 13, 1864 in Norway. He was married to Oline Oliason, who was also born in Norway. Two children, Olaf and Anna, were born to them while they were in Norway. They also raised a nephew, Jens Carlson, in their home. His mother, who was a sister to Mrs. Olufson, passed away when Jens was born.

The Olufsons left Norway in 1902 and came to the United States settling on a farm near Fertile, Iowa.

They heard much of cheap productive land in North Dakota, so again in 1907 they were on the move, coming to the Silverleaf area. They settled on a farm about 3 miles south and 2 miles east of Silverleaf. When they retired, they moved to Oakes in about 1920.

Mrs. Olufson was known for her hospitality. She always had the coffee pot going and had Nowegian pastries to go with the coffee.

Mr. Olufson passed away July 14, 1946, in the home of his daughter, Anna. Mrs. Olufson had preceded him in death. Mrs. Olufson was a sister to Mr. Marcus Oliason.

WES AND GINNY OLUND

Ginny, the daughter of Emil and Hillia Hokana, was born February 6, 1932, in Ada Township. She attended grade school at Ada #2 and graduated from Guelph High School in 1950. She attended the University of Denver, Denver, Colorado, majoring in Liberal Arts - Humanities. She was a secretary at the University as

well as the University of Pennsylvania Law School, Philadelphia, and a secretary for a legal firm in California before moving to Minnesota.

Wes and Ginny Olund were married June 12, 1965, at the State-line Apostolic Lutheran Church near Guelph, and since then, have lived in West St. Paul, MN.

They have no children but share an interest and love for some of their nieces and nephews.

Wes' father, Charles Olund, was a merchant in Cambridge, Minnesota, a town fifty miles north of the Twin Cities where the Olund children grew to adulthood. He died in 1957. His mother, Elna Peterson Olund, is a former school teacher and lives in Minneapolis.



Wes and Ginny Olund - Scotland

Wes has been employed by the State Department of Transportation, St. Paul for 26 years. He has two brothers and two sisters: Lloyd, Shoreview, MN, a retired business man; Gordon lives and teaches near Albert Lea, MN; Phyliss (Mrs. Clifford Johnson), Minnetonka, MN, taught school prior to her marriage as did Shirley (Mrs. Gordon Peterson), Superior, Wisconsin, who is widowed.

Wes and Ginny enjoy traveling ad have taken many interesting trips over the years, including a memorable trip to the land of the forebearers, Sweden and Finland, respectively.

Perhaps the most dramatic occurrence in their travels happened while they were passengers aboard the Queen Elizabeth II, vacationing in the Caribbean when the QE II became the rescue vessel for hundreds of tourists and crew members abandoning a burning French cruise ship after it went aground in the Genadines.

The Olunds spent two Christmas holidays at Kailua, Hawaii, house guest of the Michael Shorts. They particularly enjoyed attending Christmas Eve Services at the Lutheran Church of Honolulu where Betsy Hokana Short was guest organist. Betsy received her first piano lessons from Muriel Howard and later Mrs. Maude Root, both of Guelph.

During a visit to England in 1979, some experiences have special significance; namely, visiting her brother, Franklin Hokana, in his office at the American Embassy, London, and being his luncheon grests at the Embassy restaurant; attending vesper services at St. Paul's Cathedral, London, with Patrice Hokana; with Joycelyn Hokana, enjoying a performance of "The Merry Wives of Windsor" at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Stratford-on-Avon, as well as spending a day at Windsor Castle. With Franklin and Joycelyn, they found the "bed and breakfast" experience in the English countryside unique and charming.

For the past several years, Ginny has been employed as an Administrative Secretary by the Wildlife Assistance Office, St. Paul. She is a supporter and volunteer for Minnesota Public Radio and the Landmark Center, St. Paul.

WESLEY AND DIANE VISTO ORR

I, Diane Visto, was born at Britton, S.D. on May 21, 1943, to John and Margie (Claeys) Visto of Guelph. I have 2 brothers, Marshall and Marvin of Guelph, and one sister, Edith Davis. I graduated from Guelph High School in 1961 and then went to Presentation School of Nursing in Aberdeen, graduating in 1964.

On Feb. 19, 1965, I married Wesley Orr, who was born Oct. 10, 1940, at Belle Fourche, S.D. His parents are Ross and Louella (Frey) Orr of Buffalo, Wyoming.

We lived in Yankton,S.D., a short time and then moved to Selma, Alabama. our oldest son, Todd, was born in Alabama Jan. 24, 1966. Over the next 7 years we lived in Ohio and Iowa. Our second son, Tim, was born Oct. 16, 1968, in Ohio. The past 9 years we have been at our present home at RR #2, Box 190, Ennis, Montana.

My husband has been with the Fish and Wildlife Service the past 21 years. At present, he is the manager at the Ennis National Fish Hatchery.

I am now employed with the U.S. Postal Service as a clerk.

All of us are avid hunter, getting our share of big buck and elk. We enjoy winter skiing and summer backpack trips.

MATT ORRINEN

Matt Orrinen was born in Taivalkoski,Finland in 1856. He married Briita Jusola in 1890. She was born in Taivalkoski, Finland in 1859. Matt Orrinen came to the Savo, S.D. community in 1893. His wife and son followed in 1896. They farmed in Ada township. In 1900 the Orrinen family moved to Gackle, N.D. They had much trouble and a struggle with poverty. Matt Orrinen died in 1928 and Briita died in 1931.

They had two children: John, born in Taivalkoski, Finland and Hilma, born in Ada township, N.D. in 1897. Both have passed away.

W. LEROY AND VERGENE OSTERLOH

W. LeRoy and Vergene Osterloh lived in the Guelph area after their marriage on November 19, 1939.

LeRoy's parents, Henry and Vera (Wood) Osterloh, had farmed in the Hecla, S.D. and Guelph area, and LeRoy farmed with his dad and brother Virgil for a while.

LeRoy and Vergne have 3 sons: Jerrald and his wife Cathy live in Pine River, Minnesota, and have 4 children: Rodney and his wife Jody live in Hackensack, Minnesota, and have 2 children; Corwin and his wife Arvie live in Platteville, Wisconsin, and have 2 children.

Jerrald and Rodney attended school in Guelph. LeRoy and Vergene were active in community and school activities. LeRoy served on the school board.

LeRoy and Vergene are retired and reside at Hackensack, Minnesota.

MILTON AND IONE (FOLKESTAD) OSTBY

Ione M. Folkestad, daughter of Harry and Lucy Mae (Breen) Folkestad was born April 22, 1932 at Guelph, N.D. She attended the Guelph grade school until the family moved to Oakes.

She was married to Milton Ostby, the son Hjalmer and Rose (Rutch) Ostby of LaMoure. He was born May 29, 1929. They are the parents of six children.

Michael James born March 10, 1950, died at San Haven in 1968 at the age of 18.

Deborah Lou, born April 27, 1952, is an R.N. working for Dr. Bury in Bismarck. She was married to Glenn Muske on May 25, 1974; he works with Legal Aid in Bismarck. They have a daughter born February 14, 1981.

Susan Marie, born September 6, 1954, lives in Fargo and works for Prices Woodworking Shop.

Holly Kay, born February 27, 1956, lives in Fargo and is employed in Moorhead.

Linda Mae, born April 20, 1957, is a secretary at Fargo Electronics in Bloomington, MN.

Warren David, born April 18, 1958, after graduating joined the air force and now works in the oil fields in Wyoming.

Ione's father, Harry, lives in the Good Samaritan Center at Oakes. Her mother died in November 1960. She has 3 brothers and 1 sister: Harvey, died in 1958 in a college fraternity fire in Fargo; Ronald at Grand Forks; Jerry at Oakes; Sharon in Minneapolis. Milton has one sister; Mrs. Wilbert (Margaret) Wegenast of Edgeley, N.D.

KARL AND ERNA OSWALD



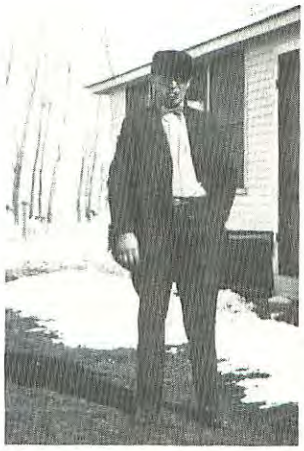
Erna & Karl Oswald and Daphne Kinzler

Karl Oswald, son of Mr. and Mrs. Christoph Oswald, was born Oct. 24, 1905, at Pollock, S.D. He married Erna Grueniech, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Grueniech, on Jan. 10, 1933. She was born July 25, 1912, at Ashley, N.D., and resides at Lodi, California.

They have 2 children, Daphne (Mrs. Eugene Kinzler) and Tom. They moved to Guelph in 1945 in the spring. They had purchased the Stanley Baker place, and slowly began to rebuild on the buildings as the years passed. Karl farmed a section of his own land and rented two quarters. He mainly raised flax, barley, and wheat. His brother, Mike Oswald, farmed with him for eight years before he moved to the Fullerton area to farm for himself. He also farmed four quarters of land.

Mike Oswald died May 8, 1980.

ALBERT AND CLARA PAGENKOPF



Albert Pagenkopf



Clara Pagenkopf and LaVerna.

Albert Pagenkopf and Clara Anderson were married July 29, 1918 and went to live on the Bundy farm - SE¼ of Sec. 3-129-60, where the Harry Schefferts live now, between Guelph and Ludden. Clara was born in Vining, Minn. on Sept. 12, 1897. When she came to Oakes, she was first employed at the hospital there and later with the T.F. Marshall family.

While living on the Bundy farm, Dorothy and Frances and her twin, Florence, were born to them. Florence lived only a few weeks. In 1925, they purchased a farm 3 miles south of Guelph. Another daughter, La Verna, was born here. The Pagenkopf's attended St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Mr. Pagenkopf belonged to the I.O.O.F. Lodge and Mrs. Pagenkopf belonged to the Rebekahs.

In 1932, Mrs. Pagenkopf passed away after an illness of 3 years.

Their daughters attended the rural school in Port Emma and then high school in Guelph. After Frances graduated from high achool in Guelph in 1939, Mr. Pagenkopf sold the farm and moved to Minnesota. During World War II, he worked in the ship yards in the state of Washington and an ammunition factory in Nevada. After the war, he managed a filling station in Coloma, Wis.,and then in Elkhorn, Wis. When he retired, he went to live at Delavan Inlet, Wis. and was living in a rest home there at the time of his death in Nov. 1967.

FRANCES PAGENKOPF



Frances Pagenkopf and her dog, Fifi.

I was born July 31, 1921, near Ludden to Albert and Clara (Anderson) Pagenkopf. I have 2 sisters, Dorothy Downing of Waukesha, Wis. and LaVerna Kavanaugh of Delavan, Wi. I attended country school in Port Emma Township. We lived on a farm 3 miles south of Guelph. I attended Guelph High School and graduated in 1939.

I went to Nursing School at St. Barnabas Hopital in Minneapolis, MN. and the University of Minnesota where I got a Bachelor of Science degree and to the Universtiy of Michigan for my Masters in Public Health.

My career life has been very challenging. I have been an army nurse; County Public Healthe Nurse, City School nurse all in Wisconsin. I was a State Public Health Nursing consultant for the state of Wisconsin for 7 years. I have spent 16 years plus in Alaska, first being an itinerant Public Health Nurse to the villages and then being Public Health nursing administrator for the Northwest section of Alaska.

My school prophecy was that I would be doing a lot of flying and it sure has been true, plus dogteam rides, helicopter, balloon, etc. I am glad that I have done the world travel that was possible during my younger years, 3 times to Europe, Spain, Greece, Russia, Czechoslovakia (3 days after the Russians pulled out) Hawaii, most of the United States, Mexico, etc.

Due to a chest and heart ailment I retired in Alaska, I will be returning by February 1983 to my condominium in Madison, Wisconsin, and to a part time supervisory position in Jefferson County to help them become an official Health Department.

My life has been very active and full. I was on the Alaska Board of Nursing plus Chairman, State Secretary and Treasurer for the State Alaska Nurses Association, plus many, many committees and organizations. My latest hobby is oil painting and portrait pastels.

EMIL AND PEARL PAHL



Back Row: Rick, Tim, and Tom.
Front Row: Janae, Pearl, Carla, Jeanie, Emil and Jason.

Emil Pahl and Pearl Mueller were married April 6, 1950 and moved to their farm 3½ miles south of Guelph. There they raised three sons, all of whom attended Guelph Public School.

Thomas and Jeanie (Praska) now live on the home place. They have 3 children: Jason,6 years of age, Janae, 4 years of age, and Justin the baby, born May 7, 1983.Tom was a member of the last graduating class of Guelph High School.

Rick and Carla (Thorpe) live on a farm north of the home place. Rick was a member of the last eighth grade class at Guelph.

Tim is single, lives in Oakes and works at the bird seed plant.

Emil and Pearl live in an apartment at 106 S. 5th in Oakes. Emil commutes to the farm almost every day. Once a farmer, always a farmer. The Guelph community is and will always be home and long time friends are still the best.

Emil, the son of Ferdinand and Mary (Gunske) Pahl was born August 24, 1918, at Forbes. Pearl, the daughter

of Johnny and Edith (Flagel) Mueller was born November 26, 1931, at Ellendale. She has one brother, Ken of Ellendale, and 3 sisters, Bette Jean Derry of Wahpeton, Yvonne Wilbur of Gettysburg, S.D. and Sally Ann Widmer of Kulm.

RICHARD AND CARLA PAHL



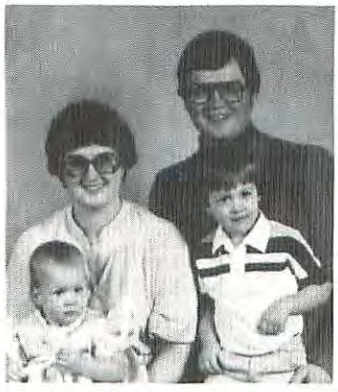
Richard Alan and Carla Lorraine Pahl.

Richard, son of Emil and Pearl Mueller Pahl, was born at Aberdeen, S.D., February 13, 1956. He was married October 8, 1977, to Carla Thorpe, daughter of Wayne and Margaret Claeys Thorpe of Hecla, S.D., who was born August 26, 1957.

Rick has 2 brothers, Tom and Tim. Carla has 2 sisters and 4 brothers, Leona Ness, Madaline Huettl, Eugene, Richard, Raymond and Rolland.

Richard and Carla are farming 2 miles south of Guelph.

TOM AND JEANIE PAHL



Jeanie and Tom Pahl, Janae and Jason.

Tom Pahl was born July 25, 1952 to Emil and Pearl (Mueller) Pahl at Aberdeen, S.D. On September 9, 1973, he married Jeanie Praska, daughter of Jerome and Betty (Knipple) Praska of Oakes. Jeanie was born June 23, 1952 at Aberdeen, S.D.

Tom taught one year at Woodworth and is now farming the home place. Jeanie is a housewife, mother and at present teaching the 5th grade of Oakes.

Tom and Jeanie have 3 children: Jason, Janae, and Justin born on May 7, 1983.

Tom's brothers are Rick and Tim. Jeanie has 2 sisters and 5 brothers, Marlene Domres, Paula, Douglas, Bruce, Thomas, Harvey and Jerry.

RAYMOND AND JUNE PALENSKY



Tom and Holly Kelsh, Kent, June, Larry and Sheryl Maley, Ray, Kristie, Freda and Terry.

Ray Palensky was born at Oakes, N.D., October 22, 1931, to Louis and Lillie (Kliment) Palensky. He attended school at Riverdale, Ludden and Oakes and graduated from Oakes High School. On January 6, 1951, he was united in marriage to June Stout, daughter of Dale and Grace (Donnelly) Stout. She was born in Sargent County, June 1, 1932. She attended school at Riverdale and Oakes from which she graduated.

Ray and June are presently farming in the Luden area, but for a time they did live in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Their children all attended the Ludden, Guelph and Oakes schools.

Their children are Curt, deceased: Richard, deceased; Holly, who married Tom Kelsh on May 28, 1977, and living in Mandan, N.D.; Terry, who married Freda Bruce on October 13, 1979 is living in Williston, N.D.; Sheryl, who married Larry Maley on May 23, 1981 and living at Verona, N.D.; Kent, who is single and living at Plentywood, Montana; Christine, single and living at home. Terry and Sheryl each have one son so that gives June and Ray 2 grandchildren.

ERICK AND IDA PASO

Erick Paso was born in Kiimiki, Finland, Sept. 19, 1864. He came to America in 1888, aboard a German merchant marine ship. He went to work on a farm in South Dakota. He often spoke of the first time he tried

to harness a horse with an American harness and how he was determined to do it without asking for help from anyone!

He married Ida Tormanen in July 1896. Ida was born in 1874, in Osceola, Michigan. Her family moved to Hamlin County, South Dakota. Erick and Ida homesteaded in Hamlin County. The old farmstead house is still standing. It was later used for a sauna house and later still as a workshop and storage house. The first five children were born there. They farmed in Hamlin County, S.D. until 1919, when they moved to Ada township, Dickey County, North Dakota. They bought the home of Henry Wald and settled on the NW¼ of Sec. 30 and SW¼ of Sec. 19. This land remained in the Paso family until 1977 when it was sold to John Martinson and his brother.

There were twelve children born to Ida and Erick - six boys and six girls. Three sons died in infancy.

Their children are: HILDA born Dec. 31, 1898. She married Edward Liimatta in 1920 and they have seven children. Hilda and Edward are both deceased. TECKLA was born April 4, 1901. She married Nestor Telin in 1922 and they have two daughters. Teckla passed away Nov. 13, 1971. Nestor resides in Hecla, S.D. ALFRED was born Dec. 25, 1902. He remained single and farmed on the home farm in Dickey County, N.D. He passed away Jan. 1, 1947. ELMER was born July 2, 1904, in Hamlin County, S.D. He remained single and farmed on his parents' farm in Dickey County, N.D. In Oct. 1976, he moved to Wilmington, N.C. to live with his brother Emil and his wife. He passed away in 1982. MARY was born July 1907, and married Leon H. Lyman of Los Angeles, Ca. They have two children. They are now retired and live in Shingle Springs, Ca. They celebrated their 50th anniversary in 1981. EMIL was born Feb. 3, 1910. He married Lilian Sebrell on Sept. 19, 1950. They have no children. He spent some earlier years on constuction of the Grand Coulee Dam in Washington state as a concrete finisher. Emil and Lillian presently reside in Wilmington, N.C. AINA (Inez) was born Sept. 1, 1911, and married Wm. Paananen Jan. 1934. They have one daughter. Aina passed away in June 1974. They were living in Redfield, S.D. at that time. HILJA was born Oct. 19, 1913 and married George Nevers in Los Angeles, Ca. in 1937. They have three daughters and are now living with the oldest daughter, Donna. ELLEN ws born Oct. 15, 1917 and married Ernest Kangas of Bryant, S.D. on March 20, 1937. They acquired the old home place of her parents in Lake Norden,S.D. in 1946. One of their sons and his family live on this farm now. Ellen and Ernest have eight children. Ernest passed away in Nov. 1977.

Erick Paso died on March 31, 1924 and his wife, Ida, passed away on Nov. 29, 1956.

RANDY AND CHERI FORWARD PEARSON

Cheri Pearson was born July 15, 1958, to George Allen and Marjorie (Knipple) Forward of Oakes. She has 3 sisters and four brothers. She graduated from Oakes



Randy, Cheri (Forward) and Amy Pearson

High School in 1976 and received an A.A. degree in Secretarial Science at Moorhead State University in 1978.

She married Randy Pearson, son of Orvis and Alphie Johnson Pearson of Rutland. They have one daughter, Amy. Randy has one brother and one sister. Randy and Cheri farm south of Milnor, N.D. After their marriage, Cheri worked for Polaris North Central in Milnor for 3 years.

BERTRAM AND CECELIA PEDERSON



Bertram and Cecelia Rye Pederson - Wedding Day

Bertram Pederson was born in Russevog, Norway on August 1, 1879. He came to America in 1892 to Iowa where he had a brother living. On January 17, 1897, he married Ceclia Rye who was born at Hanlontown, Iowa, on October 6, 1877. They lived on a farm at Fertile, Iowa, until 1916 when they moved to a farm at Willmar, Minnesota.

In the spring of 1913, Bertram and Cecelia came to North Dakota accompanied by their children Perry, Henry, Nora, Harold and Florence. Willard was born in 1916. They bought the farm on the N½ of Section 31 in Port Emma township, five miles south of Guelph. Bertram was active in local affairs, until he passed away in 1932. After his father's death, Perry returned to farm



Perry A. Pederson

the home place. Cecelia remained on the farm and passed away in 1954.

Perry held township offices, served on the school board and on the Farmers Home Administration County Committee. He was also County Commissioner from his district from 1945 to 1951 and acted as a representative in the state legislature from Dickey County in 1951-53. He was a member of the IOOF of Guelph and the Masonic lodge in Ellendale. In 1945, he was married to Martha Gerling of Ellendale. They are the parents of two children, Beryl and Bert. Perry passed away in 1963 and Bert now farms the home place along with his mother, Martha.

In 1967, Beryl married David M. Jury. While living on a farm near Ellendale, Beryl was active in District Republican Party and held various offices. She is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. Now living with her two children, Keith Carlyle and Theresa Helene, Beryl is administrative assistant at Snelling and Snelling in Fargo.

Henry Pederson and Thelma Kiser were married in 1927 at Daleville, Indiana. Until his retirement in 1966, Henry worked at General Motors. They are the parents of nine children. Bruce and his wife, Betty live at Daleville, Indiana, and are the parents of 3 daughters. Norrine and Joseph Book live at Tipton and have 4 children. LaVern and his wife, Patsy, live at Anderson, and have one son. Celia Belle and her husband, Finly Lane, live at Ponita and have a son. Betty and Don Tabor live at Anderson and have 4 children. Catherine and Wayne Zimmer live at Middletown and have 4 children. Henrietta and her husband Edwin Day live at Daleville and have 2 children. Bobby and his wife, Sharon, live at Pendleton and have 4 children. Julia and Doyle Kager live at Anderson and have 3 children. Cindy and Jerry Cole also live at Anderson and have 5 children. Henry and Thelma have 23 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

Nora and her husband, Jake Mattheis, lived on a farm north of Ellendale until they moved into Ellendale. For over 20 years, Nora worked in the Dickey County Treasurer's office, first as the deputy treasurer and then as County Treasurer. Nora passed away in 1978 and her husband passed away in 1981. Her daughter, Delores Smith, lives in Wheeling, Illinois, and has two sons.

Harold, or as he was more commonly known in Guelph as Maynard, married Hazel Boss in 1935 and they had two children: Jason and Marie Ann. Jason was in overseas service from 1953 to 1959 and in the Air Force in 1966 and 1967. He married Grace Start in England and they are the parents of three sons: David is at home, Harold lives in Florida and Stephen is in the Air Force. Marie Ann is living on the West Coast. In 1950, Maynard married Cecelia Niess and they have three sons, Richard, Raymond and Ralph. Maynard farmed in this locality until his death in October, 1980. Cecelia lives with Richard who farms south of Guelph. Raymond works for Olin and is based out of Watertown, S.D. After Ralph completed his engineering studies at the University of North Dakota, he accepted a position with Westinghouse as a service engineer.

Florence taught school in Port Emma township for several years before going to Chicago. She married Eugene Chute and they lived in Chicago where they operated an automatic merchandising business for 30 years which was sold in 1965. They moved to California in 1975 and live at Huntington Beach. Their daughter Karen and her husband, Dale Schneider, have two daughters and also live in Huntington Beach.

Willard passed away in 1936.



Martha Pederson with son Bert and daughter Beryl Jury ; grandchildren Keith and Theresa Jury

The "Wild" Well

One of the most interesting and harassing experiences Perry and his family had was a "wild" well. In December, 1956, their second flow artesian well quit flowing. Since they needed water for the livestock and household use, Perry hired the Dakota Artesian Well Drilling Company of Oakes. In February 1957, as they were nearing the 1000 foot depth for a third flow of water, a rod became disconnected and the well "blew" in with a tremendous force which could not be capped. The water overflowed the low places on the yard; went down into the pasture and started south and east towards the road, through the culvert and headed down toward the James River about 3 miles east. Road equipment was brought in and a dam was constructed to retain the water on our land.

Attempts were made to pour cement down the hole to stop the flow which did curb some of the water. This caused some of the water to seep up through the ground and at one time there were over a dozen "springs" in the yard. The large farmhouse was torn down because the basement was filling with water and foundation had sunk six inches. A new house was built to the south of the farm buildings.

In May of that year, Sterling Norbeck, owner of a well drilling outfit from Redfield, S.D. came and drilled another third flow well some 500 feet away from the

"wild" well for the farm and household use. It came in very uneventfully.

Our water problem was a point of interest. Many people came to see the damage. The event rated national press coverage as we received letters from as far as Florida. Also, one letter came from a service man's wife who was originally from Guelph; she and her husband were stationed in Germany at the time.

We learned there were two other wild wells within close proximity with the same problems. In fact, we had one of the 10 "wild" wells in the United States. Through the years the well slowed down and approximately ten years later it finally spit mud and quit.

EDWARD AND EDNA PERLENFEIN



The Edward Perlenfein Family

Edward Perlenfein was born January 3, 1890, at Sutton, Nebraska, to Jacob and Eva (Roemmich) Perlenfein. When a young man, he came to North Dakota with his parents in an immigrant car, arriving in Oakes in one of North Dakota's worst blizzards.

Ed worked with his parents and brothers as farm laborers in Hudson and Clement townships. He met Edna Rodine, daughter of John and Clara (Anderson) Rodine. They were married November 28, 1915, on a Sunday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H.M. Young, with Rev. Virgil Merchant performing the ceremony. Only a few relatives were present. Mr. and Mrs. Perlenfein left in the evening for their home on the N. Groat place, where they resided for several years.

They farmed in various locations near Guelph for 26 years and their 4 children, Norman, Mildred, Ardys and Russel were born and attended school in Ada township and Guelph High School.

Norman was killed at the age of 12, on Highway 11 near their home, 4 miles west of Guelph, when he ran to save his puppy from an oncoming car. Mildred, Ardys and Russel have married and their homes are in the state of Oregon.

Ed's health failed and his final year was one of much suffering and required a great deal of care by his wife and family until he died at only 51 years of age.

Edna moved to Oregon and became an L.P.N. and was employed as a nurse for many years. There she married Elmer Nichols, a farmer. They are now both deceased.

JACOB AND EVA (ROEMMICH) PERLENFEIN



Jacob and Eva Perlenfein

Jacob was born at Rohrbach, Russia, February 17, 1856, and was the son of Jacob and Eva Maria (Zimbleman) Perlenfein. His wife, Eva, was the daughter of Jakob and Margarete Elis (Meyer) Roemmich. She was born June 3, 1858, in Worms, Russia, (now part of Germany). It is uncertain when they came to America, but it is believed they accompanied their parents at a very early age.

Jacob and Eva were married October 13, 1878. They had 13 children: Jacob, Eva, William, Henry, Karl (died in infancy), Sophia, Lydia, Edward, John, Freda, Ferd, Gus and Alma.

The 10 youngest children accompanied their parents to North Dakota in an emigration car in 1903. When they arrived in Oakes, they were welcomed by one of North Dakota's blinding blizzards and blocked roads and had to stay with Eva's sister, Sophia and her husband, the Pete Gemars, for 2 weeks before they could get to the Richard and Ed Murray farm, NE¼ of 20-130-60, where they lived for 2 years. Then they moved to the Gus Strutz farm in Clement township.

Jacob had operated a butcher shop in Sutton, Nebraska, and then went to farming. When he came to North Dakota, he was called upon to help butcher. He was known for the good bologna and head cheese he made.

Eva was a semi-invalid her last years and passed away in 1912. After his wife died, Jacob sold much of his farm machinery and household goods and went to Wishek. Here he married Elizabeth Deile. They farmed and later he was the city cop of Wishek. When Elizabeth died, he returned to Guelph to live with his daughter, Alma Andersen. He passed away in 1937.

A brief history on some of the children who came to North Dakota with them is as follows.

Henry was born April 16, 1883, and married Eugena Marie Wahl of Clement, on March 2, 1909. They had four children, Emma, Ina, Richard and Betty. Henry passed away April 27, 1930.

Sophia never married and passed away April 9, 1911.

Ed (See Ed Perlenfein history).

Lydia was born January 2, 1888, and married Gust Buske of Clement, N.D. They had two daughters Nina

and Marvel. Lydia passed away July 1, 1944.

John (See John Perlenfein history).

Freda was born September 14, 1892. She married Walter Lilyquist. They had ten children: Marvin, Muriel, Alvina, Lorraine, Gloria, Gene, Reva, Janet, Gordon and Clinton. Freda is now living in Remer, Minnesota.

Ferd was born November 4, 1894, and served in the army in World War I. He never married and passed away June of 1937.

Gus was born August 27, 1896. His wife's name was Helen. They had three children, Mabel, Nina and Kenneth. He passed away in 1979 in Greeley, Colorado.

Alma (See Jens Andersen history).

JOHN AND LYDIA PERLENFEIN



The John Perlenfein Family

John, the son of Jacob and Eva Perlenfein of Sutton, Nebraska, was born in 1891. He married Lydia Eisenbeis (born in 1895) on March 14, 1916, at Ashley, N.D. They farmed for many years and lived on what was called the Kunrath farm at that time. The Klaus Marek family now own and live there (SE of Section 6-130-60).

The older Perlenfein children attended Hudson School #4.

They moved to Fargo where John worked as a carpenter and later moved to Williston, where he worked for the Bureau of Reclamation. In 1962 they returned to Oakes and retired.

Twelve children were born to them: Vivian (Mrs. Norman Nelson) Fargo, N.D., Grace (Mrs. Merle Akers) Oakes, N.D., Lloyd, Fargo, Marjorie (Mrs. E. Gustafson), Oakes, N.D., Doris (Mrs. Robert Nelson), Garden Grove, California, Joyce (Mrs. K. Koenig), Jamestown, N.D., Helen (Mrs. C. Chirst), Culver City, California, Ethel (Mrs. J. Wetzlier) deceased 1982 in Kansas, William, deceased 1972 in New York, Diana, (Mrs. M. Gould), Breckenridge, Mn., Bonnie (Mrs. J. Edwards), Fullerton, California, Barbara (Mrs. J. Egner), California.

John passed away January 10, 1979, and Lydia passed away September 9, 1979.

RUSSEL & PHYLLIS PERLENFEIN



The Russel Perlenfein Family

Russel, the son of Edward and Edna (Rodine) Perlenfein, was born December 10, 1926, on a farm just 4 miles west of Guelph on Highway 11, on what was then called the Thomas farm.

Russel has 2 sisters, Ardys and Mildred and an older brother, Norman, who was killed in an accident. He attended Ada schools and Guelph High School. He entered the Navy and served on the U.S. Washington until the end of the war in 1945. He then went to Albany, Oregon, where he married Phyllis Wachsnicht, daughter of Herman and Hytha (Sterba) Wachsnicht from Kansas, on December 16, 1949.

Russel is manager of Tum-A-Lum Lumber, a retail building supply, and along with two sons, Ed and Dave, own Albany Rental, which is managed by Phyllis. They rent everything from backhoes and glass cutters to hospital beds and bedpans.

Russel and Phyllis have 5 sons; Ed, 32, married Alma Strait. They have a son and a daughter. He has a snack route with Smoke Craft, Fisher Peanuts and anything he can sell. They call the company "Perlenfein Bros." as Mike works with him.

Dave, 30, married Lori Becker and works as a machinist and at Albany Rental. Lori is self-employed with a tax and accounting service. They have two daughters ages 4 and 5.

Rick, 27, married Konnie Backer. They have one son and one daughter. He owns B & R Wreckers and Body Shop. It is the largest wrecking yard in the northwest.

Mike, 24, married DeLoris Williams and has one daughter. He works with Ed.

Steve, 21, and not married runs Main Auto Shop.

DEBRA PETERS

I, Debra (Waite) Peters, daughter of Carroll and Ella Waite, was born May 5, 1954, at Aberdeen, S.D. I was raised on a farm in the Guelph area and attended the Guelph School through my sophomore year. I then attended school in Oakes and graduated in May, 1972. After graduation, I moved to Oakes and started working as a nurse's aide at the Oakes Good Samaritan Center. I was married to Roger Peters, son of Reynold and Betty Peters in the Guelph Episcopal Church St.



Roger, Deb, and Jodi Peters

Mary's. On December 30, 1972, we were blessed with a lovely daughter, Jodi Lynn Peters. In April, 1973, we bought a trailer and moved to Huebner's Trailer Court and have called it home ever since. Roger is employed at Leo's Super Valu as manager. He worked for Super Valu Stores for 16 years. Jodi is now 10 and is in the fourth grade. I still work at the Oakes Good Samaritan Center. I have 2 sisters, Denise and Dawn, and one brother, David.

JANE SCHROEDER PFEIFER



The Frank Pfeifer Family

Jane Schroeder, daughter of Joe and Edna (Freudenthal) Schroeder of Ludden, was born May 24, 1950, in Britton, S.D.

Jane graduated from Guelph High School in 1968. She attended the University of N.D. - Ellendale Branch - for one year, and then transferred to Valley City State and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education in 1972.

On August 10, 1974, she married Frank Pfeifer, son of Jack and Esther (Gebhardt) Pfeifer of Oakes. They have three children: Jennifer Jo, 5½ years; Jessica Lynn, 3½ years; and Jill Ashley, 6 months.

They live at 1123 2nd Avenue N.W. in Valley City where Frank works for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Jane is an elementary classroom teacher.

GEORGETTE (SILVERNAGEL) PICKELL



Georgette PicKell - Graduation 1977

I was born on April 12, 1959, to Alex and Fern (Hayenga) Silvernagel. They named me Georgette, meaning "Farmers Daughter", and that is exactly what I was. My father, Alex, was raised on a farm and so was my mother, Fern, so, it was only fitting that their favorite, and only, daughter, was also to be raised on a farm.

My father's grandparents came over from Russia and eventually settled in Strasburg, North Dakota. My mother's ancestors were out of Germany. They eventually came into the Guelph area where my mother was born and raised. Mother attended college at the NI in Ellendale, North Dakota, where she met Alex. He was going back to school after serving in the army. Since he had missed out on his high school education, he was completing his high school years, all four of them, in one year at college before he continued on with getting his teaching degree. Although he was raised on a farm and his true love was farming, a war wound, a shattered kneecap, prevented him from bending his knee; therefore, he thought that maybe trying to farm would be beyond his capabilities. Mother and Alex were married September 11, 1948. They both taught school for a while, but that urge to farm was still strong in Alex and so, after a few years, even though he enjoyed the "kids", he stopped teaching and began to farm.

They farmed in a few different locations until they finally settled on a farm near Strasburg where Alex's parents also farmed. It was on this farm that I was raised.

In the beginning there was a sod house on the farm. We lived in that for a few years until a new house was built. I don't remember much about the sod house, but mother has told me that her scrub water used to freeze on the floor in the winter time.

I was mainly fascinated by two things on the farm, the cats and the creek that ran or trickled, depending on the time of year, about 100 yards from the farm yard. I was absolutely forbidden to go near it, but the first chance I got, I went down there. There was a steep embankment to climb down before one could get to the creek. I got down okay, but I never considered that I might not be able to get back up again. When I found

that I could not get back up, I started to scream and scream. Our farm dog, Trixie, heard my shouts, and although she was not trained to rescue people or go for help, she ran to the house and barked and yipped until my mother followed her down to the edge of the embankment. Mother helped me back to the top. I don't think I was so curious about the creek anymore after that.

My other fascination, cats, is another story. Our barn always had many cats, some of which were strays. They all had names: Tippy J., Asrabella, Tom, Grey-fur and many more. The love for cats has hung on even now that I'm 24. I have a black and white short-haired cat named Ignatious Oliver-Tibbs. As a girl, when most little girls were playing with dolls, I was playing with my cats. The one doll I did pay attention to ended up with me cutting off all her hair and pulling off all her clothes. No one gave me dolls after that.

I never really got to know my father, as he died a few days after my seventh birthday. However, I do know things about him from what others have told me. He was a sergeant in the army, and he was awarded the Purple Heart and other medals. Mother says that I look somewhat like him.

I have many good memories from the farm, mostly things that I did - some of them not so good. Once, I wanted to keep some grasshoppers as pets. I took a shoebox from my mother's closet and filled it with my "pets". I put the box back into the closet, thinking that was as good a place as any. Mother did not. She discovered the box of hoppers the next day. I didn't do it again. I made mud pies just like any other "kid" and I got skinned knees and elbows just like anyone else. My childhood was fairly normal until my father died and my mother and I moved to Guelph to live with my grandmother, Jennie Hayenga, my mother's mother.

Moving to a new school is very frightening for a child, and I experienced this as I entered Guelph School. After the first initial weeks of getting to know my way around, I began to make friends. I got into mischief just like other children. Kathy (Berntson) Knipple and I used to operate on the trees in my grandmother's yard. We stripped the bark off one of her favorite trees using spoons. We weren't given any blue ribbons for doing that.

All was well at Guelph School until grade six. Oakes School and Guelph School were merged and suddenly the small Guelph classrooms were filled with many unfamiliar faces. We felt the Oakes pupils somehow saw themselves as superior to us, but we thought we had it over them in one way in that they were so short. We decided they couldn't very well look down on us if they couldn't see over us.

Perhaps I should be very thankful that Oakes and Guelph did come together, for I met my husband, John Pickell, when I was a junior in high school. We did not marry until I had finished 2 years of college at Valley City State and worked for over a year in a small print shop in Gwinner, North Dakota. We were married May 20, 1980, and live in Gwinner.

I worked at the shop for 3 years until a bad allergy and current lay-offs ended my stay there. Now I am enjoying myself and earning money at the same time by doing both indoor and outdoor full size murals. My husband is a carpenter with Kvigne Construction out of Oakes. He has been with the company for 7 years.

Although I'm very poor at writing letters, I do keep in touch with my old friends from Guelph.

JOSEPH AND MARY PLAZIAK



Joseph and Mary Plaziak

Mary Schultz married Joseph of St. Cloud, Mn. His parents were Polish. Mary (Maria) Schultz was of German descent. She was born March 20, 1880. Joseph J. was born in 1862 in Minnesota. They had no children.

In the early 1900's they lived in the upstairs living quarters of the Guelph Great Northern depot. Joe worked daily on the railroad as a section hand. There was no easy equipment in those days. They used hand cars pumping their way along the rails. Mary looked after the freight and express after hours and tended the stoves.

Later Joe transferred to Newton, east of Guelph across the James River where the Great Northern and Northwestern railroads crossed north of Ludden.

Joe took his niece, Anna Sell, one evening in 1915 to Ludden by "shanks mares" down the railroad track. At the big Randall store he bought her a red-haired, sleeping eye, china head doll. That and her first moving picture show was a never-to-be-forgotten night!

Joe and Mary often had their niece stay with them and on weekends would pump the hand car down the tracks west to the Sell farm at Guelph. Surprising how rapidly the mile posts would go by - a real attraction for a child!

Joe later was transferred to Ellendale, where they had a home built north of the Great Northern tracks. Joe worked on the Great Northern until he was 70. He was a very wiry, active man reaching the age of 90. (The home still stands across the street northwest of the new Methodist Church in Ellendale).

Mary had a brain tumor and stroke and passed away in the fall of 1943. Joseph passed away in 1952.

DAVE AND RUTH PRICHARD



Ruth, the daughter of Stanley and Cecile Baker, was born in 1920 in Minneapolis, where she lived for a couple of years until her parents moved to N.D. She attended the little country school, a short distance from their home where, in 1931-32, Miss Lottie Puffer was teacher for the Baker's (Ruth, William, and Kenneth); the Royce's (Dorothy, Mary, Frances, and Howard); Bernice Sandberg, Peter Bergstrom and Gordon Wentzel. Fond memories are recalled of Nancy, their pony, "King", their collie dog, buggy rides to the Royces', and sleigh rides to "Aunt Gena's and Uncle Sandford's" for holidays and later to the Guelph High School in winter time.

Recollections of "super" high school days come to mind--the Literary Society, "light-housekeeping" at the Swanson's home for the girls, for the boys at the Waite's home (discrimination, huh?), the basketball tournaments, proms, baseball games in the pastures, quiet evenings outside with Ernie Barsten "strumming" his guitar, and last but not least, Miss Gladys Oliason, to whom we all owe a debt of gratitude (how we need teachers of her calibre today!).

After graduation from Guelph High School in 1938, Ruth left the farm to attend college in Los Angeles, where she graduated from Los Angeles City College, majoring in Legal Stenography. Thereafter, she worked as a secretary in the legal field and for the F.B.I., Los Angeles Field, during World War II.

Ruth married William David Prichard in 1945 and continued part-time secretarial work, while David worked in the aircraft industry for McDonald Douglas and for Northrop, until retiring in 1978. Together they built two of their own homes, one in Lawndale and their present home in Anaheim. Their main recreation is camping, primarily to the State Beach parks and periodically to their former homes in N.D. and Missouri. They traveled to Europe and England in 1958 and last year to Mainland China, with Floyd and Rae Baker and Leslie and Genevieve Baker.

They have four children: Ronald David, born in Inglewood, Ca., in 1947, attended 8 years of Catholic parochial school, graduated from Anaheim High School and Fullerton College and presently is employed at McDonald Douglas in Long Beach, in Engineering, Aero-dynamics Div. He married Susan Cropp and they have three children, Steven, David, and Lauren.

Dennis William, born in Inglewood, Ca., in 1949, attended 8 years of Catholic elementary school, Anaheim High School and Fullerton College, is presently employed by Carl Karcher Enterprises, a local fast-food chain, in the maintenance department. He married Betty McRae, and with their two children, Corrine and Jared, they live in Corona, Ca.

Cynthia Marie, born in Orange, California, in 1954, and after her elementary education and graduation from Anaheim High, specialized in legal stenography. At a local USO function, she met Ernest Giovelli, a Marine stationed here from New York. They married and have three children, Christine, Michael and Nicholas. They have a retail carpet, window coverings, wallpaper and bathroom boutique store in Rego Park, L.I., New York.

Michelle Ann, born in Orange on New Year's Day, 1959, attended St. Boniface elementary and Anaheim High School and Cypress and Fullerton Colleges. While employed at Global Van Lines as a Sr. Adjuster, she met Corwyn Mosiman, who is from S.D. He was attending Optometry School in Fullerton, Ca., from where he graduated in June, 1982. They were married in the fall of 1981. He is presently serving in the army at Ft. Ord, Monterey, California as an optometrist, while Michelle is attending college, majoring in computer sciences.

HENRY AND SADIE SAARI PROVOST



Henry and Sadie Provost

Henry Wilfred Provost was born April 16, 1905, to John and Hannah (Derocher) Provost on a farm near Jefferson, South Dakota. He attended country school there. In 1917, his father sold the family farm and purchased a farm near Hecla, S.D. Before the family could move there, John died of influenza. Following his father's death, Henry, his mother, two brothers and two sisters moved to the new farm. He attended Hecla Public School until the age of 12 when he went to work



Melvin and Betty Provost

as a farmhand to help support his family. A few years later, his mother remarried, sold the farm, and with her husband, two daughters, and one son moved to Iowa. Henry and his brother, Roy, continued to live in the Hecla area working on various farms.

On October 27, 1925, Henry married Sadie Miriam Saari, Ada township, Dickey County, North Dakota. Sadie was born on October 12, 1905, and her parents were among the early immigrants from Finland who homesteaded in Ada township in 1883.

During the first years of their marriage, Henry and Sadie worked as a farm couple in the Britton-Aberdeen, South Dakota area. A son, Henry Willard, was born to them on July 27, 1926, but died of pneumonia at the age of five months. On January 24, 1929, a daughter, Arlene Lorraine, was born and on February 19, 1931, another daughter, Dolores Ardell. They moved to Hecla, S.D. and Henry was employed at the Hecla light plant. A son, Melvin John was born August 22, 1933. In March of 1935, Henry and his family moved to Ada township in North Dakota to rent the family farm of Sadie's parents, the John Saari's, and to care for the elderly couple. On September 24, 1940, another son, Marvin Ronald, was born and completed the family. They lived here for 12 years until the death of Mrs. John Saari in 1945, when the family farm was sold.

Henry and Sadie then bought a half section of land in Ada township and years of hard work saw a lovely farm materialize on what was then just prairie land. Here they farmed until 1980 when they sold their farm to their grandson, Kevin Young. Henry and Sadie purchased a home in Ellendale and have enjoyed a well deserved retirement. They are members of Zion Lutheran Church and Sadie is an L.W.M.L. member. Henry passed away April 29, 1983.

Love of land and farming has been a way of life for several generations of the Provost-Saari families in Ada township. Beginning in 1883 when John Saari first built his sod shanty and started his homestead--in 1935, his daughter and husband, Sadie and Henry Provost, came to farm the Saari land--in 1945, Sadie and Henry established their own farm home--in 1952, the Provost's daughter, Dolores, and Floyd Young were married and made their home in Ada township--in 1980 the Young's son, Kevin and his wife, Sharon purchased the Provost farm and with their daughter, Erica, make the fourth and fifth generation to live and farm in Ada township.

Arlene Provost married Barton Slemmons on June 9, 1951 and to this union were born 5 children: Steven Kent - August 1, 1952; Kirby Dean - January 21, 1954; Kent Daniel - October 9, 1957; Jeffrey Craig - June 1, 1959; and Jane Lynn - July 31, 1961.

Barton is chief of the Orthopedic Dept. at Bethesda, Maryland and Arlene works part-time as a registered nurse. Their address is 19024 Oxcart Place, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20760.

Melvin John married Betty Lou Gesme on November 19, 1957. They have three children: Reginald John - April 14, 1959; and twins, Darren Ronald and Renee Elizabeth, born February 2, 1962. Melvin is self-employed and Betty Lou is employed at a bank in Nampa, Idaho. Their address is Route 6, Box 6862, Nampa, Idaho 83651.

Marvin Ronald (See Ronald Provost history).

Dolores Ardell (See Floyd Young history).

RONNIE AND JUNE (SUND) PROVOST



The Ronald Provost Family

Ronnie was born Sept. 24, 1940, to Henry and Sadie (Saari) Provost of Guelph, N.D. June, daughter of Lawrence and Ethel (Andersen) Sund, was born Oct. 11, 1940, at Sycamore, Illinois.

Ronnie and June attended high school at Guelph, N.D., and graduated in the years of 1958 and 1959. They were married Oct. 17, 1959, and have four children, Cynthia, born May 11, 1961; Jeffrey, born Aug. 24, 1962, and was married Sept. 5, 1981 to Rebecca Schultz; David, born July 2, 1964; and Dan, born May 13, 1969. Ronnie and June moved to Braham, Minnesota, in December, 1961, where they own and operate a dairy and pork farm.

LORENZO (LON) PUFFER



Lon Puffer in their store in Guelph

Lon was born in Menasha, Wisconsin, in 1869 and died in Guelph October 30, 1941. He came to Guelph with his parents in 1883. In the spring of 1899 he graduated from the University of Minnesota with a degree in law. He was admitted as Attorney and Counselor of the Supreme Court of North Dakota September 19, 1899, but practiced very little. Instead he decided to try his hand at farming and later owned Puffer's store. He was a charter member of Guelph IOOF #148 and an active member until his death. He served on the board of director of Guelph Farmers Elevator from 1932, until shortly before his demise. He was a member of the Methodist Church.

LOTTIE PUFFER



Lottie Puffer

Lottie Puffer was born in Neenah, Wisconsin, in 1880 and died October 11, 1961, in Ellendale Hospital. She was 3 years old when she came with her parents to Guelph. She lived in Guelph the rest of her life except while attending school or teaching. She received her high school education in Minneapolis and also attended Johnson School of Music. She received her B.A. degree from Taylor University, Upland, Indiana, graduating in 1907.

She was baptized in Fourth Baptist Church in Minneapolis and later transferred her membership to Guelph Methodist Church. She taught a Sunday School class and played organ and piano for many years. She taught music and also school in both North and South Dakota.

For 40 years she was the correspondent for both Ellendale and Oakes papers. Copied from Pot Shots by Malcolm Goddard of **Dickey County Leader**: "Practically never during her many years of service to the Leader was her news missing in any week - unless it was crowded out in our office. Other correspondents would come and go; some would send news only irregularly, but Lottie's familiar handwriting arrived in the mail each week, like clockwork. Her quaint expressions were her trademark and sometimes her accounts were comical without intent. But her efforts were always her best - and this is all that can be offered by anyone.

If journalistic awards were given for loyalty and faithfulness, Lottie would have earned several."

MYRON HENRY AND NELLIE PUFFER



Back row - left to right - Gertrude Bessie (Puffer) Linvill, Lorenzo Nathan (Lon) Puffer, Nellie Bliss (Puffer) Schultz, Charlotte (Lottie) Sheldon Puffer; Front row - Ellen (Nellie) Amelia Puffer, Dorothy Gretchen (Schultz) Barsten, Myron Henry Puffer

Myron Henry was born in La Ville, Lewis County, New York, March 31, 1842.

In early childhood he moved with his parents to Janesville, Wisconsin and in 1862, when a young man of 20 years, he joined the volunteer infantry and became a member of Company G 22nd Regiment Wisconsin, during the Civil War. During the war, he participated in Sherman's famous march to the sea and was, also, for a time held prisoner in the Libbey prison. At the close of the war, he was mustered out at Washington, D.C.

Nellie Bliss was born May 4, 1844, at Whitesboro, N.Y. She had 12 brothers and sisters. Since she was one of the younger children, she remained at home until the death of her parents. Then she taught school for a time.

At an early age she learned to love the Savior and united with the Baptist Church. She married Myron Henry Puffer March 20, 1868, at Menasha, Wis., where she was teaching school. At this time she transferred her membership to the Methodist Church the same as that of Mr. Puffer. To this union were born 6 children: Lorenzo N., Lewis M. and Hattie (twins), Nellie, Lottie, and Gertrude. Hattie died in early childhood.

Mr. Puffer had been to Dakota in 1882 and was pleased with what he saw. In April of 1883 he and his family with other neighbors came to Dakota Territory. The Puffers settled on the site of Guelph on the north side of the railroad track. At that time there was no track. They were to endure the hardships of pioneer life.

Nellie was of Puritan stock and had firm convictions of right. She lived these convictions under the severe pressure of pioneer days. Communities where she lived soon knew that she loved the Sabbath and believed in its holy observance. One of her neighbors said, "She stood on the side of the good things." She was always active in church work in her younger days. Ministers of various denominations found a welcome in the home of the Puffers.

Myron was active in promoting religious services near his home. Nellie passed away July 24, 1920, at the age of 76. Myron passed away Nov. 18, 1921, at the age of 79.



This house built in the 1880's by Mr. Puffer was considered a showpiece, as the pioneer homes were one room shanties. It had a second story and more than one room. People in front of the house are: Nellie, Lorenzo, Lewis, Lottie, Mr. & Mrs. Puffer and Gertrude



Later the house was remodelled. This was taken in about 1898, with Lon, Mr. and Mrs. Puffer in the foreground.

CHRIS AND EDITH WAHSNER QUANDT



Back row - left to right - Clarence, Paul, Roy, Walt
Front row - left to right - Louise, Edith, and Chris

By Edith Quandt

My mother was born Doretha Wilhelmina Sleeter on Jan. 10, 1861, in Saxony, Germany. She came to Dakota Territory at the age of 22 before the country was all surveyed, and took up a homestead near Hudson Township where she resided, with the exception of the years the family lived in Guelph--1894-1900--when they moved back to her homestead in Hudson Township. She died there in Jan., 1941. She worked hard helping to build up the community.

She was married to Ernst Wahsner on Jan. 22, 1888. Minnie was born on the farm in 1889, and Clara on June 11, 1890. I, Edith, was born in Guelph in 1897. My father was a blacksmith in Ludden, Port Emma, and Guelph. Farmers would come to the farm and work in our fields while he sharpened their plow lays and did other blacksmithing work for them. Minnie was married and lived in Kansas and Missouri until her husband passed away. Later, she came back to live here. My father died in April, 1927. Mother wanted to live on her farm, so I did most of the farm work, which I enjoyed.

On June 27, 1928, I was married to Chris Quandt, and we farmed with my mother and sister, Clara, in partnership. Our children--Paul, Walter, Clarence, Roy, and Louise--were all born in my mother's home and all worked hard on the farm. Paul, Walter, and Clarence (or Fred, as everyone knows him by now--Fred is his middle name) only had their 8th grade education. But, Fred passed his high school education while in the Marines. Later, he took up special training in Oklahoma City for his work in Aeronautics Air Controller. Roy and Louise attended high school in Guelph. Paul took up welding and worked in Fort Worth, Texas, many years and became a certified welder in Texas. Later, he worked as a welder in Oklahoma City. Eight years ago, he came back to North Dakota and has been working at the Melroe plant at Gwinner since then. Walter is a big farmer, which takes a lot of experience. Roy is working for the Burlington Northern in St. Paul. Louise is married to Robert Bell, and lives on a farm near Gardner, N.D.

I don't remember this, but my sister told me we used to live in the house that later was moved to the farm where Paul Burkhardt lives now. I never heard where my father's blacksmith shop was in Guelph. We

moved back on the farm when I was 3 years old. I've lived on my mother's homestead ever since.

Chris' mother's maiden name was Wilhelmina Mohr, and his father's name was Fred Quandt. They lived in the Guelph community a few years. Chris' sisters' names were Louise Alkofer and Martha McCloud. His brothers' names were Arnold and Claus.

ROY AND JOAN QUANDT



The Roy Quandt Family

Roy Quandt was born April 22, 1935 to Christian and Edith Wahsner Quandt. He has three brothers and one sister.

After graduating from the Guelph High School in 1953, Roy attended a 2 year course at the U. of Minn. Farm School in St. Paul, Mn. From August 1956, through December 1958, he worked for the Great Northern Railroad on communication construction and was Supervisor of Data Communication. In January, 1959, he was drafted into the Army for 2 years and was stationed at Augsburg, Germany. He returned in 1961 and worked at the communications shop for the Great Northern R.R. at St. Paul.

He was called back to active Military Duty for one year in 1962. When he came back, he worked for the Great Northern R.R. as an electronic technician for 5 years. Since 1969 he has been employed as Supervisor of Data Communications for the Burlington Northern R.R.

Roy married Joan Johnson of St. Paul, Mn. Sept. 16, 1961. They have three sons, Larry, second year in college, Mark, a senior in high school, and Duane, in the 8th grade. Joan is employed as a programmer's aid for Sperry Univac.

WALT AND BERNIE QUANDT

On a nice sunny day in June of 1954, two young ladies from Minnesota were interviewed for a teaching position at the Riverdale School. They were successful



The Walt Quandt Family

in getting the positions and in September started their teaching careers in North Dakota.

Bernadine (Bernie) Super met Walter Quandt at one of the school functions and after three years of courtship, they were married at the Sacred Heart Church in Flensburg, Minnesota, on July 13, 1957.

For five years they lived in Oakes while Walt drove to the country to farm with his parents, Chris and Edith Quandt.

On April 1, 1962, they moved to their farm in the Guelph community which they had purchased from William Ballensky.

Walt and Bernie have 9 children ranging in age from 24 to 7.

Their oldest daughter, Mary, is a graduate of U.N.D. and is presently employed at the Oakes Community Hospital.

John, born in 1959, and Mike in 1960, are graduates of Wahpeton State School of Science. John has a degree in Diesel Mechanics and has been employed at Clines in Oakes. He also has purchased the former Wallace Maddock farm and is farming with his father and brothers.

Mike is a Civil Tech. Engineer and is associated with Roberts and Roberts of Moorhead, Minnesota.

Jeff was born in 1962 and is presently farming with his dad.

Kathy, 19, is attending N.D.S.U. in Fargo.

James, 18, Susan, 17, and Anna Marie, 14, are students of the Oakes High School. Jason, 7, the baby, is in the first grade.

Six of the nine Quandt children have received their early years of education at the Guelph School.

ABRAM RAISENEN

Abram Raisenen was born at Taivalkoski, Finland, in 1887. He arrived in the United States in 1903 and 2 years later came to Ludden, N.D., working in the Ludden farming area. He was single and for the last few years of his life lived in Ludden. He died in 1944.

ROBERT AND HILDAGARD (HILDIE) RADTKE

Robert (Bob) was born May 22, 1930, to Frank and Adele Radtke of Winstad, Minnesota. I, Hildie, was born September 17, 1932, to Mr. and Mrs. Louie Steiner of Eden, S.D., and have nine brothers and sisters.

Bob and I were married June 11, 1955, at Eden, S.D.

Bob had worked as a relief depot agent in Guelph and liked the people and community. In 1958 we decided to park our trailer home and live in Guelph. Bob took a job as second man at the Farmers Elevator. Our oldest daughter was about 2 years old. Diane and James were born while we lived in Guelph. We added 2 small rooms to our trailer home and raised a garden in our back yard. Bob was active with the Guelph Bow Hunters and shot 5 deer during his bow hunting years.

We have eight children. Laura attended college 2 years at UND Grand Forks. She married Kent Reierson of Tower City, N.D. They have 2 children, Nathan, 4, and Kimberly, 1. Kent is a lawyer and is a States Attorney at Williston, N.D.

Diane attended 2 years of college at NDSU, Fargo, N.D., and married Steve Olson from Wahpeton, N.D. She is a registered nurse at St. Luke's Hospital in Fargo, and Steve is a registered nurse at Dakota Hospital, Fargo, N.D. They have one daughter, Karen, age 1.

James attended UND at Grand Forks and works for Mort Inc. at Williston, N.D.

Tim is attending UND Branch at Williston and taking a one year mechanics vocation class.

Joan is at Jamestown, N.D., with Opportunities Inc.

Debbie is a senior at Ellendale High School, and has been accepted at Aberdeen Presentation College, Aberdeen, S.D.

Mary is a junior and Tom a 6th grader.

We moved to Ellendale in 1961 and Bob started to work for the Farmers Union Oil Co. and has been with them for 23 years.

I've spent my time raising our family and did "baby sitting" in my home for many children while our own children were growing up. I sold tupperware for about 1 year. When our youngest started school, I decided to go to work at the Ellendale Nursing Center. I've been employed there 5 years in different capacities. I, now, am a cook.

I still have my hair dressing license and hope to get back in that profession. I stay in practice by cutting my family's hair.

Our only real hobby is square dancing. We belong to the Guelph Whirlaways and have enjoyed all the wonderful people of Guelph and the surrounding area.

Bob has been a volunteer fireman for 18 years.

We are members of the Catholic Church. Bob has been active as an usher and councilman, and I've taught religion class for 15 years. For many years, I have been a Brownie or Girl Scout Leader and also worked with Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts.

WALTER AND WILMA RAUGUTT



The Walter Raugutt Family

Wilma Marie Raugutt, daughter of Peter and Edna (Lee) Burkhardt, was born February 28, 1929, at Guelph. She graduated from Guelph High School in 1946 and went to college in Ellendale for two years. She worked at the courthouse off and on for four years.

On June 28, 1949, she married Walter Paul Raugutt, son of Gottfried and Julianna (Wiederich) Raugutt of Ellendale. He was born at Merricourt December 15, 1926.

They are the parents of three children: Melinda Rae (Mrs. Frank Fritzler); Twyla Jo (Mrs. David Schrall) both of Gillette, Wyo., and Owen Paul who travels with construction work.

Wilma has held the position of Postal Clerk for 24 years and, also, works as an office helper and clerk at Cenex in Ellendale.

Walter was Deputy Sheriff under Mike Morgan from Sept. 1, 1956, to December 31, 1966. He took over as Sheriff after that time and is still the Dickey County Sheriff.

Walter has one brother, Norman, who lives in Oakes. Wilma's brothers and sisters are listed in the Peter Burkhardt history.

Wilma and Walter live in Ellendale, N.D.

JULIUS ROBIE (RABE)



Julius Robie

By Roland Waite and Ann Maddock

Julius Robie was born in Faustendorf, Germany, on Dec. 15, 1891. He sailed with family members to Canada, and then traveled to New York by train. The family--his mother, stepfather, brother Rudolph, and sisters, Olga and Wanda--reached Guelph, N.D., on June 28, 1903. They were welcomed by his brothers, Ed and William, and sisters, Mary and Mollie.

The children attended the one-room school in Guelph. If you were old enough to work, you could often be excused from classes to do so. Julius remembers working for Oscar Cuff and Stein's in those early days.

He was confirmed in the Lutheran faith at Coldwater, McIntosh Co., N.D., on June 16, 1907. There being no Lutheran church in Guelph, the family attended the Methodist church here.

Julius was large for his age, and had started to work for the Great Northern Railway as a section hand when he was only 13 years old. His brother-in-law, who also worked for the railroad, proved to be a good boss and kept Julius well informed as to his duties.

After hours of railroad duty, Julius was engaged to dig a basement under Root's Store. He did this all by pick and shovel and several hundred trips in and out to scatter the dirt. This was hard work, but Julius had been used to working hard in Germany for very little money in an effort to help support the family and his widowed mother.

He took the test for rural mail carrier, which he passed, and for a time, carried the mail on his bicycle. Later, he started to work for the Great Northern near Fargo, N.D., doing outside work and also being cook's helper and sometimes chief cook. Eventually, he worked up to Bridge and Building foreman.

The Great Northern Bridge and Building crew moved to Hannaford in the 1920's where they were to build a long wooden trestle bridge. Relatives and friends were invited to behold some of these projects and various activities connected with them. Many of these structures were built in N.D., Minnesota, and Canada.

Under Julius' supervision, water tanks were built for the steam locomotives, depots built or repaired, and loading docks and platforms constructed. In the early 30's, Julius and crew were sent up on the Brandon Manitoba line, and, at the Boissevain building, were visited by the Harold Maddock's and Palmer Vie's.

One spring, the Bridge and Building crew got orders to work on new iron ore docks at Duluth, MN. Many other crews were called, and--because of the size of the project--extra help was needed to complete the project on time. His nephews, Edmund and Rudolph Sell, worked there during late winter or early spring.

Uncle "J", as he was called by many, became an avid hunter in the late 1920's. When he was sent to the Sioux Falls, S.D., area to operate a pile driver, the pheasant season had just opened, and the pheasants were plump and plentiful and the bag limits generous. So, after hours, he would have time to bag his limit of the saucy birds. He later branched out to include hunting grouse, prairie chickens, ducks, and geese.

Once, while hunting ducks in Roy Waite's pasture, his roadster got mired down in the mud. He was alone; so, to get out, he put the auto in gear and went back and pushed and pushed, and finally the car got out of the mud, and Julius had to run to catch it. He may have set a new record for the 100 yard dash!

Julius seldom, if ever, missed a hunting season, and enjoyed the companionship of neighbors and nephews. Julius became an avid fisherman also, having worked near Minnesota and Canadian waters; and one of his final fishing ventures was to the Duluth vicinity when the smelt were running. His catch was always unselfishly shared with friends and relatives.

Uncle J. never married. For most of his 58 years of railroading, his diner and bedroom were the rails. His "children" were his depots, bridges, and other projects, and he always carried a pocketful of photos to share. He became everyone's uncle in his huge circle of friends.

Since he had a railroad pass, he made several trips to the West coast to visit relatives. In fact, he went from border to border and coast to coast for World Fairs and Expos. One of his final tours was to Western Canada and the Yukon.

Julius retired to Oakes in 1964 where he had purchased a home. During this time, he maintained his yard, chores, raised a garden, attended our church here in Guelph, and, also, the IOOF which he had joined at its beginning. He usually managed to include a visit to one of his nephews and nieces on a weekly basis, and nearly always arrived with a big grocery bag of goodies--snacks and fruit.

His "buggies" in later years were Chevy's which he enjoyed driving, but had to give up because of the infirmities of old age. Sometimes he'd forget where he parked the "old buggy" and walk home.

In January of 1978, he moved to the Good Samaritan Home in Oakes to be cared for and to reminisce. Julius' end came as the result of a fractured hip on March 10, 1981. He was 89. He is buried in the Ellendale Cemetery.



Burial place of "Uncle Julius"

DEAN AND RHONDA (WAITE) REESE

Rhonda was born April 23, 1955, to Roland and Karen Waite of Guelph, N.D. She has 2 sisters and 2 brothers - Sandy and Elaine of Fargo, N.D.; Ron of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; and Jim of Guelph, N.D. She attended school at Guelph until 1970 when the district annexed to Oakes.

After graduating from Oakes High School in May of 1973, Rhonda attended 1 year of college at VCSC, Valley



Dean and Rhonda Reese

City, N.D., and 3 years of college at NDSU, Fargo, N.D., graduating in June of 1977 with a degree in Fashion Merchandising. She was employed at "The Classic", a women's clothing store in Moorhead, MN, until Sept. 9, 1978, when she married Dean Reese of Oakes, N.D., at the Guelph United Methodist Church.

They lived in Rapid City, S.D., where Dean had been employed as a manager trainer for AVCO Financial Services, until October when Dean became manager of an AVCO branch in Atlantic, Iowa. In Dec., Rhonda was offered a management position with "Laurie's", a women's clothing shop at the Westridge Mall in Fergus Falls, MN. They decided she would accept this opportunity as it would bring them nearer to the area where they would like to locate at this time. In Jan. of 1979, they moved to Fergus Falls, and Dean began working at the First National Bank where he is now the Installment Loan Manager. On Dec. 31, 1980, "Laurie's" was sold, and Rhonda worked at the mall as a retail sales clerk until June of 1982 when she became assistant manager of Norby's Dept. Store at the mall in Fergus.

Rhonda's hobbies are sewing crafts and cake decorating. Dean enjoys basketball, volley ball, golf and keeping up their home.

HERBERT M. AND SARAH ROBINS

Herbert M. and Sarah Robins had 5 children. They were: Edward - deceased - had 4 children and 15 grandchildren; Dorothy, married Benn Jackson and lives in Seattle, Washington; Goldie married George Sauer and lives in Minneapolis, MN - they have 4 children and 11 grandchildren; LaVerne is Mrs. Arthur Ulmer of Oakes, North Dakota - they have 5 children and 12 grandchildren; Vivian married Russel Mairs of Lisbon, North Dakota - they have 3 children and 10 grandchildren.

Herbert and Sarah were active in the Ludden community in I.O.O.F., Rebekah's, Farmer's Club, baseball, Farmer's Union, and Nonpartisan League. He also did threshing for many of the farmers around Ludden.

Herbert always saw to it that his children attended Sunday School some place wherever it was available, regardless of faith.

The Robin's family attended school in Ludden until Edward graduated from the eighth grade and then they attended the Riverdale School. They had land and buildings in both Lovell and Riverdale townships as they lived on the line one mile north of Ludden from 1909 to 1946.

Edward and Marie Robins then took over the farm and farmed there until 1953. They sold the farm to John Mathern a few years later. They were also active in the Ludden community.

George Sauer came to Ludden in 1940 to manage the elevator. He met Goldie Robins here. They were married in June, 1941. They moved to Graceville, MN, Huron, S.D., Bismarck N.D. and finally to Minneapolis, MN were they now live.

Vivian Robins taught the Daniel's school in Lovell township. She married Russel Mairs in November of 1939. They moved to a farm near Lisbon where they still reside.

LaVerne taught one year in Hudson township. She married Art Ulmer of Fullerton and Oakes, North Dakota in 1943. They now live on a farm 6 miles from Ludden that they purchased in 1947.

Dorothy married Benn Jackson in Seattle, Washington. She had her own beauty shop there. Her husband worked on a newspaper. They still live in Seattle.

ELAINE ANKENY ROCKNE

I was born at Oakes, N.D., on August 19, 1943. My parents were Eugene and Evelyn Carlson Ankeny. My father passed away in January, 1949. My mother was married to Carl Sandberg on Dec. 31, 1950, and we then moved to his farm. My brother, Gordon, and I enrolled in the Guelph school in January of 1951 in the middle of my second grade.

I graduated from Guelph High School in 1961. in the fall, I enrolled at Interstate Business College in Fargo, N.D., and was in school there for 6 months. I was employed at Krider Equipment Company for a short time. I then worked at Johnson Controls in Fargo for about 5 years.

In August of 1963, I was married to Herbert D. Rockne of Pelican Rapids, Minnesota. He was employed with the First Bank System and with that firm we transferred numerous time throughout North Dakota, Montana, and Minnesota, and we moved to Worthington, Minn. in August of 1972.

We have 3 daughters. Jan Michelle was born in Valley City, N.D., Dec. 1, 1967. Susan Kaye was born here in Worthington, Minn., April 2, 1973.

My husband, Herb, is now Asst. Vice President with Worthington Federal Savings and Loan.

For the past 2½ years I have been employed at Daisy Creations -- a Worthington based manufacturing firm. We produce appliqued home decortating items such as pillows, wallhangings, aprons, table runners, and the like. Our products are sold to retail stores throughtout the U.S. Each item is machine appliqued and individually constructed by women in the S.W.

Minn. area. I began as a sewer - sewing the items in my home - and am now working full time in the office. Among other responsibilities, I am in charge of hiring and training new sewers.

I have 2 brothers, Gordon Ankeny of Albuquerque, N.M., and Carl Sandberg, Jr., of Oakes, N.D.; and 3 sisters, Carol (Mrs. Don) Trebilcock of Aberdeen, S.D., Phyllis (Mrs. Ernie) Burnham of Minneapolis, Minn., and Joann (Mrs. Rick) Johnson of Fargo, N.D.

A special "Hello" to all my former classmates.

My address is: Mrs. Herb Rockne, 1430 Indian Hill Road, Worthington, MN 56187.

GERALD AND CAROL RODINE



Gary, Gerald, Shelia, Carol and Kevin

Carol, daughter of Harry and Edna (Moldenhauer) Scheffert, was born February 1, 1948 at Britton, S.D. She attended school and graduated from Guelph in 1966. Following graduation from high school, she attended Stewarts School of Hairstyling in Aberdeen, S.D.

On March 29, 1967, she was united in marriage to Gerald Rodine at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Aberdeen, S.D. He is the son of Ivan and Margaret (Larson) Rodine and was born June 13, 1941, at Oakes, N.D.

Gerald and Carol are the parents of 2 sons and 1 daughter: Gary, Kevin and Shari Lyn all at home. They live on a farm near Oakes.

Carol has 2 brothers and 1 sister: Harold Scheffert, Guelph; Clyde Scheffert, Oakes, N.D.; and Hazel McLeland of Denver, Colorado.

Gerald has 2 brothers and 2 sisters: Charles of Gwinner, N.D.; Corwyn of Silver Springs, Florida; JoAnn Brown, West Yellowstone, M.T.; and Debra Murray, Waukegan, Illinois.

GENEVA LEE ROGDE

Geneva Lee Rogde is the daughter of Henry and Tina Lee. Mr. Lee was the manager of the east elevator in Guelph in the early 1920's. They lived in Guelph four years.

Geneva had three sisters: Clara Lee, Myrtle and Thelma Haug. Her eight brothers were: Emery and Alvin Haug, George, Melvin, Harry, Clarence, Howard and Orren Lee. Since their house was small, some of the boys slept in the elevator office. Some of the older children were already away from home.

Geneva remembers that her playhouse was a wooden piano box. Annie Newman gave her dishes for it.

Her brother, Howard, was always running away to the elevator, which was just across the road. Her mother tied him to the clothes line so he could only go as far as the rope allowed.

Geneva has been a primary school teacher for many years. She retired June 1982, after teaching thirty years in Fergus Falls, Minnesota. She has four children. The two daughters are married and live in California. Consequently, she vacations in California with them and her four grandchildren.

CLIFFORD ROLLO FAMILY



Back Row: Royalyn, Michael and Cynthia.
Front Row: Russell, Bernice and Clifford.

Clifford Rollo and Bernice Berntson both grew up in the Guelph area and graduated from Guelph High School in 1939. Clifford is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rollo and Bernice is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sigvard Berntson.

After high school graduation, Clifford joined the navy and served for 6 years in the South Pacific, based in Hawaii. He served on the U.S.S. Enterprise during the World War II and experienced many harrowing battles of the Japanese Conflict. Bernice attended S.N.I.C. in Ellendale, N.D. and received a degree in home economics in Dec. 1941. She taught school in Bristol, S.D. for two years. Sept. 3, 1944, Clifford and Bernice were married in the Guelph Methodist Church. After

the war, they lived in the Guelph and Ellendale area for 7 years and then moved to Frederick, S.D. where Cliff was an electrician-plumber and Bernice taught in the high school.

To this union 4 children were born. Royalyn, born July 25, 1945, in Washington, D.C., graduated from Frederick High School and attended USD and State College in Brookings, S.D. She married James S. North in Brookings in June, 1968. They had one son, Sterling Michael. Royalyn passed away from diabetic-kidney complications in 1979.

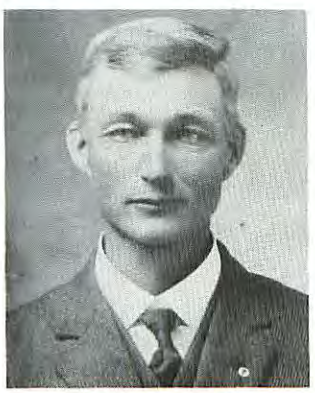
Cynthea was born Nov. 15, 1947, in Britton, S.D. She graduated from Frederick High School and USD Vermillion, S.D. She taught music in Milwaukee area schools for 7 years and then went back to school to earn a Master's degree in psychology. She is now a psychologist in Waukesha Schools where she also makes her home presently.

Michael Bernt was born Nov. 19, 1953, in Ellendale. He graduated from Frederick High School and USD Vermillion. He went into the military service and was stationed in Korea. While there he married Sun Rang Chang in Seoul, in June 1979. They have a daughter, Leahna. Michael is presently serving in the U.S. Navy aboard the U.S.S. Mississippi which has its base at Norfolk, Va. At present the ship is in Mediterranean waters as a back up crew for the Marines in Lebanon.

Russel Scott was born April 1, 1956, graduated from Frederick High School and attended USD Vermillion for 2 years. He lives in Hosmer, S.D. where he manages a business.

At the present, Cliff is working as a general repair man for a manufacturing firm in Denver. Bernice teaches English in Frederick High School. Guelph, Oakes, and Ellendale will always be home to them.

THE WALTER ROLLO FAMILY



Mr. Walter Rollo



Mrs. Gertrude Rollo

Walter Rollo, eldest of four children, was born on the pioneer farm in Hamilton County, Neb. on June 20, 1874. His father, James Rollo, had immigrated to America from Scotland in 1858, settling in Wisconsin. He found employment there principally at farm work. In 1868, he left for Nebraska, making the journey overland with a team and wagon. Upon his arrival he entered a claim to a homestead of 80 acres in what later was Farmers Valley township. His first dwelling was a dugout which was later replaced by a log house. He continued improvements of buildings and added acres throughout the years until at the time of his death in 1912 he owned 400 acres. His loyalty to the land of his adoption was manifested by his giving nearly 2 years of service as a Union soldier in the Civil War. He enlisted in a Wisconsin Volunteer regiment of infantry and took part in a number of battles and minor engagements until losing the sight of one eye. His wife was a native of North Carolina.

Walter was reared on the family farm and educated in the local schools and in addition completed a course in business college in Omaha. In 1903, he took possession of 180 acres in section 19 in Farmers Valley township on which he erected modern buildings. In addition to diversified farming, he raised Holstein cattle and registered Clydesdale horses.

In 1903, he married Mrs. Eva Linna Goff Salmon whose death occurred in 1915. Two sons were born to this union, namely: James and Cloyd William, both now deceased. In 1918, Mr. Rollo married Miss Gertrude James of Downs, Kansas, the daughter of Ulysis B. and Mary Ann (Goodman) James. To this union were born 9 children. Surviving are: Lois Evelyn, wife of Emil F. Retzlaff, Clifford, Richard, Thomas, Daniel, Mary Ann, wife of Ray Fischer, and Alan.

In the fall of 1924, the family moved to a farm near Oakes, N.D. Mr. Rollo had traded the Nebraska farm for one in Section 12 of Hudson township. There the family grew up, attending Hudson #1 school and later Guelph High School from which Lois and Clifford graduated in 1939 and Walter in 1947. The boys of the family all served in branches of the military. Cloyd, Richard and Daniel being 20 year plus veterans before leaving the service.

Mr. Rollo died in 1954 and Mrs. Rollo in 1959.



Dan, Tom, Allen, Clifford, Richard, Mary, Lois.

J.D. AND MAUD ROOT

Maud Merrill, the daughter of Truman Jason and Phoebe Ann Smith Thatcher, was born Sept. 7, 1875, in Menasha, Wis. She moved with her parents to the Guelph area in 1883. She was one of the pioneer children of Guelph and saw it when it was only a treeless grassy plain.



J.D., Truman, and Maude Root.

Feb. 17, 1897, she married Jason Daniel Root (known as J.D.) in the farm home of her parents, which is where Alice Grady and her son now live. The old house is still there; however the Grady's have built a new home in which they live. J.D., the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Root, was born in Lanesboro, MN in 1872. He had come with his parents to Dickey County in 1888, settling in Oakes, where his father was the postmaster for 5 years. (See the article J.D. Root for Representative for further information about him.)

The Root's had 2 children born to them, Faye, who died in infancy, and Truman (See Truman and Myrtle Root history).

Maud was an active member of the Methodist Church and the Ladies Aid. She was also a charter member of the Rebekah Lodge. She gave piano lessons for many years. She and Mrs. Wagner were called on many times to homes where babies were born to help, and they always responded willingly.

The Root's spent many winters in California. J.D. passed away in 1943. Maud continued to live on in her home until 1964 when she moved into the Oakes Good Samaritan Home. She passed away Nov. 16, 1965.



Maud Root - one month before her 90th birthday.

TRUMAN JASON AND MYRTLE ROOT

Truman Jason Root, only son of former Representative and County Commissioner and Mrs. J.D. Root, also grandson of former State Senator and Mrs. T.H. Thatcher of Guelph was born at Guelph on June 27, 1904. He received his early education in the Guelph school, later attending the State Normal and Industrial School at Ellendale. He later attended and was a graduate of the Sweeney auto and tractor school of Kansas City, Missouri.

Following his graduation, he came back to Guelph and was engaged in a gasoline and automobile business.

He was married to Miss Myrtly Haug, formerly of Guelph and then of Abercrombie, North Dakota, at the home of her parents on June 16, 1929.

Myrtle was a graduate of the State Normal and Industrial School in 1926 and taught in various towns in the two Dakotas until her marriage.

The urge for a bigger field of endeavor in which to expend his efforts led Truman and Myrtle to move to Oakes and for a time he was employed at the Bush garage.

About this time the County Commissioners were looking for a county patrolman. They selected Truman from their list of applicants. Truman was to make his presence felt the first winter on his new job with the new truck snowplow. He was a busy man after the wind subsided after the first blizzard. He cleared the highway from Oakes to Merricourt, thence to Ellendale and from the county seat to Oakes by way of Guelph and Ludden. At no time was the truck too light for its task, and drifts several feet high were cleared with ease. The commissioners were elated.

The following summer, the community was shocked and saddened to hear that Truman had become pinned under the hydraulically operated box of the truck which was housed at the county garage at Fullerton. He died instantly at the age of 26.

Myrtle came back to Guelph to await the arrival of the baby who was born on August 18, 1930 and was named Marcia Jean. Later Myrtle and Marcia moved to Glendale, California, where Myrtle still lives. Marcia married Ralph Warner. They live in Pasadena, California.



Truman Root in 1927.



Marcia and her pet dog.

HOWARD AND EVELYN ROYCE



Howard, Evelyn, Jeff, Julie and Augie.

I was born March 31, 1925, at Fullerton, N.D. to Howard and Martha (Lucke) Royce, Sr. - now deceased. My mother grew up near Fullerton and my father was born and raised near Farmington, MN. My parents were married in N.D. and farmed in the Fullerton area until 1932 when we moved to a farm in Hudson township, about 6 miles northeast of Guelph and ¾ mile straight east of the Quandt farm (SW of Sec. 14-130-60). There were four children in our family: Dorothy, now deceased; Mary, married James Hausner and lives at Mahnomen, MN; Frances married Joe Goldstrand and lives in Watsonville, Ca.

We all went to country school near the Stan Baker farm and graduated from Guelph High School. I graduated in 1943 and went into the army that fall. Since my discharge from the army, I have resided and am a carpenter in Minneapolis.

I married Evelyn Beito, daughter of Mr. and Mr.s Cornelius Beito, (both deceased) on June 7, 1952. She has 2 sisters. We have 2 children: Julie, married Augie Klein on Sept. 15, 1979, and Jeff is at home. We reside at 5937 Oakland Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN.

STEWART AND JANIE RUENZ

Janie Seely was born August 10, 1954 to Clifford and Betty (Fisk) Seelye of Lisbon, N.D. Janie moved to Guelph with her parents to the farm formerly occupied by the Frank Youley's (NE¼ of Sec. 10-129-61) when she was about 7 years old. She attended the Guelph School until 1970 when the Guelph district annexed to Oakes.

Stewart Ruenz was born Oct. 14, 1934, to Jake and Leda (Dinger) Ruenz at Britton, S.D. Janie and Stewart were married Dec. 15, 1973, at Hecla, S.D. They have 2 daughters, Bonnie Janie and Roxanne May. Janie has 11 sisters and brothers.

At present she is and Avon Representative.

GALEN AND VIRGINIA RUSH

I, Virginia Van Meter, was born March 17, 1918, in Los Angeles, Calif. As I remember it, the Van Meter Clan, parents: Herbert and Rosie, children: Robert, Floyd, Claude and Virginia, Grandmother: Genevieve Miller and our dog Queenie, left Guelph, N.D., around Oct. 1, 1930. All 7 people were crammed in a 1926 Chrysler Sedan headed for Los Fresnos, Texas. The dog rode the fender except through towns.

I graduated from Los Fresnos High School in 1936. Then I obtained contracts to ride the Rodeo Circuit and Wild West shows. Later I did secretarial and telephone operator work in McAllen, Texas. In 1942, I moved to Long Beach, Calif. and went to work in a defense plant.

My son, Jack Fletcher by a previous marriage, was born Jan. 11, 1939, in Brownsville, Texas. He spent 4 years in the U.S. Navy. He is a truck driver and lives in Sacramento, Calif. He married in July 1961 and has 2 children, Darrell and Mitzi. Mitzi is married and has 2 children, Latasha and Christopher.

I married Galen Rush in November 1946. He belongs to the Operating Engineers, operating heavy equipment until his retirement in 1978. We are now retired and living in Topock, Ariz.

JOHN AND HILMA KARHULA SAARI



Mr. & Mrs. John Saari

John Saari (Saarenpaa) was born in Himanga, Finland, on October 6, 1855. He went to Petersburg (Leningrad), Russia when young and worked in factories there for several years. He came to Michigan in 1882 and in 1883 came to Dakota Territory. He homesteaded in Ada township, Dickey County and here he resided for 57 years.

On August 16, 1885, he married Hilma Charlotta Karhula. Hilma was born in Lohtaja, Vaasan Laani, Finland, on October 21, 1864, and came to Frederick, Dakota Territory in 1884. Their first home was a sod house but gradually more buildings appeared and more land acquired. There were many years of hardship and privation.

Fifteen children werer born to them. John Sanfred - (1886-1962), Anders Emil — (1887-1970), Helmi Charlotta -- Mrs. Charles Wainio - (1889-1967), Karl

Nestor - (1890-1951), Hilda Lovissa - (1891-1891), Axel (Elmer) Hjalmer -(1892-1963), Jacob William - (1893-1947), Nina Maria - Mrs. George Ray - (1896-1979), Vaimo Oscar - (1895-1895), and Hilda Fredricka- Mrs. T.E. McMillian - was born in 1900 and passed away August 20, 1982 in Aberdeen, S.D. Mayme Sophia - Mrs. Emil Dethlefsen was born in 1901 and resides at the Green River Terrace Nursing Center in Auburn, Washington. Enio Urho (1902-1978), Fannie Malita - Mrs. Vern Scott was born in 1904 and lives on a farm near Watertwon, S.D. Sadie Miriam - Mrs. Henry Provost was born in 1905 and presently resides in Ellendale. Arvo Everet - (1907-1944).

Mr. and Mrs. Saari were members of the Savo Evangelical Lutheran Church. Mr. Saari died in 1941 and his wife passed away in 1945.

DELBERT AND MAE SALSTROM

Mae Luoma is the daughter of Albe and Charlotte Holmstrom Luoma of Ludden, N.D. Her sisters and brothers are: Frank, deceased, Fred and Mrs. Bernie Luoma of Frederick, S.D., Mrs. Ernie Schwarting of Ludden, Mrs. Willis Nelson of Oakes and Mrs. Irene Palensky of Enumclaw, Wash. Mae married Delbert Salstrom March 13, 1937.

Delbert, the son of Richard and Hilda Martinson Salstrom, was born Sept. 13, 1913 at Sebeka, MN. He attended grade school in Ada township and completed his high school at NI in Ellendale. He also attended 2 years of college there. He has 2 sisters: Nina Maunu of Van Nuys, Calif., and Irene of Frederick, S.D.

Delbert and Mae have 3 daughters: Janice married to Ron Zucca. They have 3 children. Joyce married Norman Morley. They have 2 children. JoAnn is married to Mike Tatro.

The Salstroms are employed in the Oakland Public Schools.

HILDA J. (MARTINSON) SALSTROM

Hilda J. Salstrom was born in Ada Township in 1888. She was married to Richard Salstrom at Ellendale, N.D. in 1909. He was born in Wadso, Norway and when a small child came to the United States with his parents, locating in Minnesota. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Salstrom lived in Hibbing and later in Sebeka, MN where their two children, Nina and Delbert were born. The family moved back to Ada Township in 1916 where their daughter Irene was born. They were later separated and Richard went to Astoria, Oregon where he died in 1971.

Hilda Salstrom was active in Community and Church affiars, serving on the School Board in Ada Township and for many years on the Board of Directors of the Apostolic Lutheran Church. She had the honor of being the first woman judge of elections in Ada Township after Woman Suffrage. She built a small modern farmstead about a half a mile from her birthplace in Van Meter Township, where she lived her remaining years. Mrs. Salstrom was on the Executive Board of the Savo Historical Society which compiled and prepared for publication "The History of the Finnish Settlement in Brown and Dickey Counties of South and North Dakota 1885-1955". This book is an excellent source of historical material about the Finnish Pioneers. Sen. Karl Mundt of S.D. presented this book to the Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. for its permanent historical collections. Hilda Salstrom died at Ellendale in 1976. An account of their children and grandchildren follows: Nina Salstrom graduated from the Normal Industrial College at Ellendale, N.D. She was an elementary school teacher and taught in Ada Township and other schools in Dickey County. She also worked as a legal secretary for States Attorney Donald Crabtree in Ellendale. Nina was united in marriage to Ernest Maunu, a graduate of the Ellendale High School and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Maunu. Ernest worked in the Red Owl Stores and managed the store at Oakes, N.D. until the time they moved to Van Nuys, Ca., where their children, Howard, Kathleen and Curt were born. They moved back to Ludden, N.D. where they purchased the Samson Bros. Store. Ernest also had the Post Office and then the Rural Mail Carriers postion at Ludden. After living seven years at Ludden, Ernest transferred to Van Nuys, Ca. as a Mail Carrier until his retirement. They make their home in Van Nuys. Their son Howard, his wife Joanne (LaCarruba) and threee children, Mark, Leanne, and Michael live in El Cajon, Ca. Their daughter Kathleen was married to David Kingsley and are the parents of two sons, Justin and Jordan. Kathleen and the two boys live in San Diego, Ca. Their son Curt, his wife Susan (Post) and children, Adam and Joshua live in El Cajon, Ca.

Irene Salstrom married Fred Luoma (See Albe Luom Biog).

LELAND SAMSON

Leland (known as Lee) was born Nov. 23, 1873, in Flagstaff, Maine, and at the age of 10 came with his parents to the Ludden area. He had 2 brothers, Clem and Orion, and a sister, Stella (Mrs. Charles Perkins).

In 1920, he purchased the Randall Store in Ludden and continued to operate it until death. He was assisted in the store by his brother, Orion. Lee was of a quiet disposition and yet had a very pleasant personality. His business success indicated his devotion to his store.

He was a member of the I.O.O.F. and Woodman Lodges.

He suffered a heart attack April 12, 1948 and passed away suddenly. He had gone to the store as usual that morning but soon developed a pain in the region of his heart so returned to his home where he died. He is buried in the Ludden cemetery.

THOR SAND FAMILY



Back Row: Carl, Clarence, Alvin, Lawrence, Edwin,
Middle Row: William, Carl, Lorraine
Front Row: Lily, Ivan, Dorothy, and Thor Sand.

Thor Sand was born Thor Erickson on a small island, Sandsoy, in northern Norway close to the city of Tromso. He was one of several children in the family. Not wanting to remain forever a seasick fisherman on the Norwegian sea, he made one final trip on a ship that brought him to America. Upon his arrival he was advised to change his name (too many Ericksons). He chose the name Sand after the name of the island he came from.

He worked for a time in the woods in northern Minnesota and also in Canada as a lumberjack and in a pulp mill at Fort Francis, Canada.

Along with some of his friends he arrived in the Guelph, North Dakota area. He worked for a time for Sylvanus Waite, a farmer and rancher southwest of that town. He was attracted to this country by the waving sea of grass that reminded him of the sea he left in Norway. He grew to love farming and made it his life's work. He met and married Lily Hoybak, daughter of Karl and Maren Hoybak, of rural Oakes. She came from a large family that included five sets of twins, of which she was one. Their first home was on a farm south of Guelph across the line on the South Dakota side. Thor and Alfred Johanson farmed in partnership at this time. Later they moved back to North Dakota. In a few years the partnership was dissolved and Thor and his family again moved. This time they settled on a farm southwest of Guelph, across the road from the Oliason place.

The family grew and in 1932 they moved closer to Ellendale setting up housekeeeping on the old M. Schmierer place east of town. Here their children were close to high school and college at the NI. All the children attended school and most of them graduated from college. Thor and Lily were parents to eleven children: Clarence, Edwin, Alvin, Lawrence, William and Ervin (Pat), all farming near Ellendale; Ivan, a counselor in Dayton, Minnesota; Carl, a math teacher, in Yuma Arizona; Mrs. George (Dorothy Lewis) Ewer, Bird Island, Minnesota; Mrs. Emil (Lorraine)Nishek, Ellendale and Betty Lou, who died in infancy. Several of their children served in the armed forces and the others served their country by being good citizens.

During Lily's lifetime, wash day for her family changed from wearing out her knuckles on a wash board to exercising her arms and those of her "kids" by pushing and pulling a lever on her hand-operated washer and finally, she obtained a modern machine that was run by a gasoline engine.

Thor's life spanned the sail boat to the atomic ship, from horsepower to steam engine to combustion engine.

They warmed their family with wood and coal stoves and later with an oil furnace. The evenings were brightened first by kerosene lamps, then gasoline mantel lamps and finally electricity. Their travel changed from horse and buggy to automobiles and trucks. Trips to town that took all day were reduced to hours. When the horse and sled were used to haul supplies the packing had to be done very carefully. This was so the kerosene wouldn't spill on the flour and sugar and other food when the occassional accident of tipping over occured.

The drought and depression of the dirty thirties caused much hardship on their family and those of their neighbors. Many of the farmers lost title to their land because crops were poor and prices low. Business places in town also suffered because there was no money to be spent. Banks closed and many depositors lost their savings. Thor and Lily encouraged their children to save and bank their money - money earned by working selling gopher tails. These little savings were lost with all the rest.

They had many good years and they averaged out the bad. The hard times, harsh winters and dry summers drew together and they spent many enjoyable hours visiting together.

Lily was the typical farm wife of that time. Raising "kids", baking, cooking, sewing, and housekeeping kept her busy, but still she had time to help with the chores and harvest. Thor was active serving on township and elevator boards and helping to develop a local credit union. They were members of the American Lutheran Church. They moved to the Mack Webster farm east of Ellendale.

Lily died in 1953. Thor remained active in community affairs. He confined his farming to the garden and made daily morning rounds to visit his children and their families. Thor passed away in 1979, at the age of 91.

Many happy memories of the Guelph area include the free ice-cream given away at the annual meeting of the elevator, trips to Puffers Store for groceries and candy, trading or selling eggs and cream at Grover Howard's Store and loading coal and supplies that were purchased at the Swanson Lumberyard.

ARNOLD AND ALICE (HANKEL) SANDBERG

I, Alice Hankel, was born May 4, 1912 at Danube, MN to August Frederick Hankel and Bertha Hulda Kemnitz, both deceased, and have 10 sisters and brothers, Edwin, Willard, George, Arnold, Florence, Ada (deceased), Raymond, Leslie, Henry and Gladys.

We lived northwest of Guelph on what is now the

Rudolph Sell farm located on the SE¼ of Sec. 25-130-61 and attended school in Guelph.

Arnold was born Sept. 28, 1913 at Frederick, SD. He moved with his parents to Hudson township and attended the one room country schools and Oakes high school, along with his brothers and sisters, Lawrence, Florence, Helen (all deceased) Lucille, Alyce, Carl and Bernice.

We were married June 28, 1934 and have two children, Gerald and Cynthia. They are both married and we have four grandchildren.

Arnold is a painting contractor and concessionaire. I've been a sales person at Sears and Herbergers, plus concessionaire with Arnold. We reside at 314 S. 8th St., Aberdeen, S.D.

I started school at Guelph and went until the 7th grade before moving to Ludden, N.D.

I remember the cold, snow packed winter and frostbitten toes - walking the two and one-half miles to school in the fall and spring, across the meadows - being careful not to step on snakes. In the winter my father would put sled runners on the buggy - a two seater and cover it like a covered wagon. It would tip over now and then. We kids and our dinner pails would go in every direction and I'm sure we were late for school! Our dinner buckets were ½ gallon syrup pails. Our mother must have had quite a time preparing our lunches every day as several of us children were attending school at that time. The horses were put in a barn at school and who could forget our outdoor facilities!

CARL SANDBERG, SR.

I was born on a farm southwest of Barnard, S.D. and was the fifth child of a family of eight. I moved with my parents to N.D. to a farm northwest of Guelph when I was 10 years old. We lived there three years and then moved to a farm straight north of Guelph. We lived there for five years. We did all of our trading in Guelph during those eight years. We then moved to a farm east of Oakes, N.D. and lived there for three years. My father passed away during that time. My brother Arnold, sister Bernice and I were the only children that were still living at home then.

In the fall of 1932 my mother and her family moved to the farm southwest of Oakes. My mother and I lived together there for seven years and then she went to Washington, D.C. to live with my sister Alyce and her family in 1938.

Ann Vinge and I were married on Dec. 28, 1938. We had three children, Carol, Phyllis and Carl Jr. Ann passed away on Oct. 30, 1949.

Evelyn Ankeny and I were married on Dec. 31, 1950. She had lost her husband, Eugene Ankeny, in Jan. 1949. She had married him April 4, 1936. She had two children, Gordon and Elaine. Evelyn was born and raised in Oakes, the daughter of Fred and Christine Carlson. She had 2 sisters, Amanda (deceased) and Frances (Mrs. Perry) Thompson of San Bernadino, Ca. and one brother, James Carlson of Grand Fork, N.D. Evelyn and I had one daughter, Joann.



Carol, Elaine, Phyllis, Carl, Jr., Joann, Carl and Evelyn Sandberg

I retired in the fall of 1976. I sold the farm and moved to Fargo. In April 1977, we bought our condominium and our address is 420 Park Place 6th Ave. S., Fargo, N.D.

We enjoy traveling and have gone on several tours around the country.

My father, Christian Hansen was born in Norway and came to this country with his father when he was twelve years old. They settled in Minneapolis. His father passed away shortly after they came here.Then my father went to live with his uncle John Sandberg in Hecla, S.D. who was a blacksmith. He adopted my father and that is how we got the name Sandberg. My father grew up in Hecla and finished his schooling there.

My mother was Josephine Dunkel. She grew up in Galena, Ill. Her parents came from Germany. Her father was an engineer and worked for the city. Her mother passed away when she was in the fourth grade and being the oldest, she had to quit school and help raise the family. Galena is a historical town. We toured the home of Ulysses S. Grant when we took a trip to Galena to see where my mother grew up. My mother met Dad when she went to Westport, S.D. to visit her brother when she was in her early twenties.

STEVEN AND CONNIE (AARONS) SATERMO



Steve and Connie (Aarons), Brent and Stacy Satermo.

My family moved to the Guelph area in 1955 when I was three. I grew up there and attended school in Guelph from the spring of 1957 (kindergarten) until I graduated in May 1969. I attended UND-Ellendale for the next two years. It was there I met Steve. We were married on August 21, 1971, in Ellendale, N.D. and transferred to the University of North Dakota. In May 1973, we both graduated with a B.S. in Education. Following graduation we moved to Kansas City, Missouri, where Steve was employed in construction for J.C. Penney. Our son, Brent, was born in August 1973 in St. Joseph, Missouri.

For the next four years we traveled all over the southwest. We lived in ten cities in the states of Missouri, Utah, Kansas, New Mexico, Texas and Colorado. Stacy was born in Santa Fe, New Mexico on February 6, 1976.

Finally in 1977, we decided to establish a home base and bought a home here in Broomfield, Colorado, a suburb of Denver. Steve is now a construction superintendent for J.C. Penney, and he still has to travel extensively. Brent is in 4th grade and loves to play soccer and basketball. Stacy is a 1st grader and is into soccer and gymnastics. With Steve away so much, I have not pursued my teaching career, but plan to in the near future. To keep myself involved, I help out at the school and the church, as well as being a Camp Fire leader and having an over abundance of hobbies!

An amusing moment while attending school in Guelph was when I was a freshman, and our social studies teacher had never seen a train go through Guelph. About the time the entire orientation class had him engrossed looking out the window at the train (and stalling him), the principal (M.A.K.) walked by. OOPS!!

Although I get teased when I tell people that I lived in such a small rural community and graduated in a class of ten, I must say that I don't think there was a better place anywhere to grow up or find finer people to know as friends and neighbors.

JAMES SAVAGE

James Savage was born August 20, 1911 at Bridgewater, South Dakota. He moved to Oakes with his parents in 1925. After graduating from high school he attended college at the Ellendale Normal School. For two years he taught school in Hudson Township.

In 1834, James married Grace Miller. They had two children: Mary Elizabeth, who died in infancy, and Robert, born in 1937. Robert had four children and now resides in Craig, Colorado. Grace passed away several years ago.

James lived in Ludden from April 1, 1935 to 1943. He had a small garage repairing cars and farm machinery, welding, and running a gas bulk delivery.

After leaving Ludden, James was employed for two years at the Army Air Depot at Spokane, Washington during the war. He then returned to the family farm in Riverdale Township and engaged in farming. After the death of his father, he and his mother lived on the farm in the summer and spent the winter months in St. Paul, Minnesota. While in St. Paul, he was employed in a machine shop, repairing electrical parts for cars.

In 1976, James purchased a duplex in Oakes where in retirement, he resides.

EPHRIAM FREDERICK SCHAUER AND THELMA HAUG SCHAUER



Seated: Dr. Thomas Schauer, Thelma Schauer, Robert Schauerand his son, Erik.
Standing: E. Fred Schauer and Dr. William Schauer.

Ephriam (Fred) Schauer, the son of Jacob and Ida Lautt Schauer, was born at Streeter, N.D. He is a veteran of World War II, a graduate of the Military Intelligence School at Camp Ritchie, Maryland now titled Camp David. He served in that capacity in the European Theatre. In civilian life, he was a Transportation Supervisor for the Southern Pacific Railroad for 39 years from which he is now retired.

On September 13, 1943 at Texarkansas, Arkansas, Fred married Thelma Haug, daughter of Eval Haug and Tina Reno Haug Lee (both deceased). Thelma was born in Roseau County, Haug, Minnesota. This post office and store was founded by her grandparents, Theodore and Marie Haug, immigrants from Solar, Norway.

Thelma's father, Eval Haug was in business with Mr. Sjoberg at Badger, Minnesota. They built 3 general merchandise stores the same year J.C. Penney started his chain in Wyoming. However, Eval's giant dream came to a tragic end when he became ill and passed away. He left four children, namely:

Emery, deceased, who lived in Kalispell, Montana, a dairyman.

Myrtle, married to Truman Root of Guelph. Marcia Root Warner, her daughter was born a few weeks after Truman's accidental death. Myrtle lives in Glendale, Ca. Marcia and her four sons live in Pasadena, Ca.

Alvin, a retired grain buyer lives in Christine, N.D. He married Bendikka Hagen.

Thelma, a retired teacher, mother of three sons, lives in Sacramento, California.

Fred and Thelma raised three sons as follows: Robert Frederick Schauer, an attorney, is a partner of the Covington and Crowe Law Firm in Ontario, California. He has 2 sons, namely Erik, 12 years old and John, 8 years old.

Dr. Thomas Jacob Schauer is a dentist in Sacramento. Married to Kari Sanders. They have one daughter, Lindsey Schauer. They live on a ranch near Fair Oaks, California.

Dr. William James Schauer is a dentist at Helena, Montana. He lives on his ranch near Saddle, Montana with his 2 dogs. All three boys are active in sports, such as hunting, fishing, golf, racquet ball and baseball.

Thelma completed her eight grades at Guelph, N.D. She graduated from Valley City State College and taught school at Guelph, Riverdale consolidated, Streeter, Lisbon and Hillsboro for 16 years inclusive. She received her Bachelor of Arts Degree from the Sacramento State University, Sacramento, California besides she completed three years of Professional Training in Elementary Education. She taught for 16 years in the San Juan School District, Sacrament, California and served on the Superintendednt's Council.

Fred and Thelma are both active in the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Fred is a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason, a Ben Ali Shriner and a member of the Legion of Honor. He is a chaplain for the Masonic Organization. Thelma has several hobbies such as reading, crocheting, needlework, oil painting and gardening.

As the twilight years surround us, we are happy to have such pleasant memories of friends far and near. Come and see us.

BEN SCHEFFERT FAMILY

Ben was born January 14, 1920, in Ludden to William and Lillian Scheffert. He lived in Ludden until 1929 when he moved to Kent Township, then moved back to Ludden in 1932. In 1934 he attended high school for one year in Ellendale. In 1935 he lived and worked at the John Steinmetz farm in Hecla, South Dakota, and finished high school years at Hecla. In 1941 he moved to Minnesota and entered the Army in 1942. He served in the European theatre and was discharged from the Army in January, 1946.

He married Virginia Steinmetz, Hecla, South Dakota, in January, 1946. They lived with her parents until the fall of 1946 when they purchased the Arnold Niskanen farm (SE¼ of 3-129-60) in Port Emma Township near Guelph. Five children were born to them: Peggy, born in December, 1947; Thomas, born in October, 1949; LaVerne, born in July, 1951; Clare, born in July, 1952; and Russell, born in October, 1954. They all attended school in Guelph until the high school moved to Oakes in the fall of 1969. LaVerne was in the last graduating class in Guelph.

In December, 1963, Virginia was employed by the Dickey County Social Service Board in the Ellendale courthouse and has continued working there. In October, 1971, they purchased the Jim Cowley farm (N½ of 16-129-60) in Port Emma Township where they are still living. Ben retired from farming in 1978.

HAROLD & MADELLA SCHEFFERT

Harold H. Scheffert, Guelph, N.D. was born on May 9, 1941 at LeSueur, Mn. to Harry and Edna (Moldenhauer) Scheffert.

Madella Meidinger was born on September 14, 1941, at Wheatland, N.D., to Ruben J. and Esther (Brandner) Meidinger.

Harold and Madella were married Feb. 21, 1967 and have five children: Steven Nicholson, Ludden, N.D. married Pamala Anderson, on June 28, 1982. They have one daughter, Sandy Marie. Elizabeth Nicholson Raatz, Fergus Falls, Mn. married Pernell Raatz on July 10, 1982; Kimberly Nicholson is a student at U.N.D. Grand Forks, N.D.; Harold Scheffert Jr. and Harvey Scheffert are students at Oakes High School.

Harold has 1 brother and 2 sisters: Clyde Scheffert, Oakes, N.D.; Carol Rodine, Oakes, N.D. and Hazel McLeland, Denver, Co. Madella has 3 brothers and 3 sisters: Donald Meidinger, Ellendale, N.D., Betty Meidinger Martin, Ellendale, N.D.; Earl Meidinger, Ellendale, N.D.; Loretta Schultz, Edgeley, N.D.; Delyne Heinrich, White Wood, S.D.; and Harold Meidinger, Ellendale, N.D.

After graduation Harold started to farm on a farm he purchased from John Schwarting, 2 miles from where he was raised. He and his wife and 2 sons still live there.



The Harold Scheffert Family

HARRY AND EDNA SCHEFFERT



Harry and Edna Scheffert

Harry, the son of William and Lillian Waite Scheffert, was born May 12, 1914, on the Jones' farm 1½ miles east of Guelph. He married Edna Moldenhauer of LeCenter, Minn., Feb. 8, 1940. They have four children: Harold of Guelph, Hazel McLeland of Denver, Co., Carol (Mrs. Gerald Rodine) of Oakes, and Clyde of Oakes.

For the past 40 years they have made their home on the farm which was previously known as the Wedell or Brammer farm, one mile south and 2½ miles east of Guelph. They retired from farming in 1979 but still live on the farm and rent out the land. They have spent the past 2 winters in Florida.

TOM AND NANCY SCHEFFERT



The Tom Scheffert Family

I, Tom Scheffert, was born Oct. 24, 1949, in Guelph, N.D., the son of Ben and Virginia (Steinmetz) Scheffert. I attended the school in Guelph for 12 years after which time I moved to Wahpeton and attended college for 2 years. While living in Guelph, I also helped my father, Ben, and my grandparents, John and Ruth Steinmetz, on their farms. My grandparents live in Hecla, S.D. I have 3 brothers - Skip, Clare and Russell - and 1 sister, Peggy. With that many brothers, we got into lots of trouble but none that I regret.

College days at Wahpeton were a lot of fun and a great learning experience.

Upon completion of college, the draft board was on my tail, so I joined the Navy, especially anxious to see California. Boot camp was in San Diego. What a rough 3 months! The longest 3 months of my life! Graduation finally came and I was transferred to Alameda near Oakland, California. I was stationed there for 4 years. I became very close to my Aunt Irene Wohlgemuth and her family. I became very good friends with a fellow sailor who later was able to get me transferred to San Clemente Island off the coast of Southern California. That duty station was to change my life. I met and married Nancy Kitson, who was born and raised in Los Angeles, California. We were married on April 17, 1976 at the Highland Park Assemblies of God Church in Los Angeles. We lived in Eagle Rock, Ca., for two years and were then transferred to Point Mugu Missile Base in Oxnard, Ca. We bought a house and we both worked to furnish and keep it livable.

On Dec. 28, 1979, our first baby was born - Jeffrey Thomas. We continued to live there another 2 years, although, during that time I was again transferred to the USS Peleliu in Long Beach, Ca. My family joined me 6 months later. Now I consider myself a real sailor. On March 27, 1982, we left on a cruise which took us to Hawaii, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Australia, and Japan, just to name some of the places we visited. We returned on Oct. 4, 1982, - 6 long months of separation from my family. I have been in the Navy almost 13 years now and consider myself fortunate to have only been away from my family for 6 months.

My wife worked for an insurance company as a medical claims adjuster for 11 years. When we moved to Long Beach, we bought another house and she retired from working with a nice retirement sum of money. She is a housewife and mother of which I am very proud.

I am very thankful to the Lord for guiding and directing my life so far, and I am looking forward to our future.

JOE AND EDNA SCHROEDER



Joe and Edna Schroeder

I, Joe, was born at Lincoln, Nebraska, on November 29, 1907. In 1921, my parents Norbert and Mary Schroeder, and my brothers and sisters, Paul (deceased), Mrs. Elmer (Evelyn) Brady, Hecla; Jack Schroeder, Hecla; Mrs. Gideon (Darlene) Haeger, Oregon, moved to the Hecla, South Dakota area where another brother, Donald, was born and who now resides in Rapid City, South Dakota.

I farmed and was in trucking business in the Hecla area until 1942 when I purchased my present farm (E½ of Sec. 17) in Lovell Township, from Union Central, and was married on January 13, 1943 to former Edna M. Freudenthal, daughter of John and Metta Freudenthal, of Britton, South Dakota.

We were blessed with 3 children-Judith Lynn (Mrs. Michael German), Fullerton, North Dakota; John Joseph of Ludden, North Dakota; and Jane Ann (Mrs. Frank Pfeifer), Valley City, North Dakota.

They attended Eaton No. 2, a little country school, across from our farm. The schoolhouse was moved

there in 1946 from its original site near the now Arne Wuolu farm. They attended the first six grades there, then transferred to the Ludden School in Ludden, North Dakota. All three graduated from the Guelph High School, Guelph, North Dakota. Judy graduated in 1963, John in 1964, and Jane in 1968. I served on various boards and was elected on the Lovell Township Board and 1939 and still remain on at the present time.

My wife, Edna, served as clerk for the Ludden School until its closing. She was a part-time helper in our daughter's Ceramic shop until fire destroyed her shop and three other businesses on November 28, 1981. She now enjoys helping out with our nine grandchildren-Nicole and Scott German; Jennifer, Jessica and Jill Pfeifer; Jarret, Jamie, Jeffery, and Jodi Schroeder.

The farm has now been taken over by our son and daughter-in-law, John and Darlene. They have built a new home to the west of ours. I am still active helping in the dairy work and farming.

JOHN AND DARLENE SCHROEDER



John and Darlene Schroeder, Jarret, Jami, Jeffery and Jodi

John was born to Joseph and Edna (Freudenthal) Schroeder on May 19, 1947 in Britton, S. Dak. He started his school days in a country school called Eaton No. 2, just across the road from his parents' farm. When he was in the sixth grade, the country school was closed so he and his sisters were transferred to the Ludden School. After finishing grade school, he attended Guelph High School. He graduated in May 1964 and in August 1964 he joined the U. S. Navy. In the Spring of 1968, he returned to his parents' farm, southeast of Ludden.

John and his father farmed together. In October, 1974, he maried Darlene Mitchell of Glendale, California. They returned to Ludden and continued farming with his father.

John and Darlene have four children; Jarret 6, who is attending kindergarten in Oakes, Jaime 5, Jeffrey 3, and Jodi 1.

John has 2 sisters: Judy, (Mrs. Michael German of Fullerton, N.D.) and Jane (Mrs. Frank Pfeiffer of Valley City, N. Dak.

WALT AND LUCILLE SCHROEDER

I, Lucille, left Guelph in 1937 and moved to Glendale, California. There I married Walt Schroeder and had 3 children. We have been married 45 years. We have retired and live in Sacramento, California. Many times my thoughts turn to my happy days in North Dakota.

Where does one start? Growing up on the plains of North Dakota was a happy childhood. Some of the joys were looking for Indian arrowheads in the pasture back of the town, swimming in Frank Courtney's pond, in that same area in the summer time viewing fields of wild roses as far as child's eyes could see. I'm thinking about the night the Ladies Aid made candy for a "Candy Sale", put it out on the Waite's porch to cool, then found all the candy gone when going to the porch. Really some of the best candy we ever ate!

The picnics at Puffers grove with tables loaded with food, the merry-go-round that Amos Waite built in the grove for all children to enjoy are other memories.

The sleigh ride at Christmas out to the Berntson farm where games were played, then the big table filled with food that one dreams of and finished off with homemade ice cream. Then back to the sleigh with the bells on the horses ringing loud and clear.

Most of all I remember the kindness of the people in times of happiness or trouble, they were there whenever needed.

Yes, this was a truly story book village and how lucky we were to grow up in this little town called, "Guelph".

Lucille is the daughter of Clint and Emma (Howard) Von Eschen. She attended school in Guelph through the junior year in high school and then went to Ellendale to attend high school, graduating in 1930. She attended NI for 2 years and received her Standard Normal certificate to teach and then taught school in Dickey County.

MYRON AND AGNES SCHROEDER SCHULTZ



Michael, Agnes and Myron Schultz

Myron was born Nov. 28, 1916, at Guelph, N.D. to William and Nellie Puffer Schultz, both deceased. He has one sister, Dorothy Barsten, Oakes, N.D.

Agnes Schroeder was born Nov. 5, 1925, at Batavia, Illinois, to Emil and Maude McCleland, both deceased. Her brothers are Robert, George, Fred, and Harry of Batavia, Ill., and Walt Schroeder of Sacramento, CA.

Myron and Agnes were married Aug. 31, 1947. They have one son, Michael.

BOYHOOD YEARS IN N.D.
by Myron Schultz

During my youth, I recall that North Dakota state maps included Guelph in their listing with a population then of 120; but now omit showing the townsite since the inhabitants have "dwindled down to a precious few"--a pity!

As a child, I felt Guelph to be "really on the map" with the many fun places like Sitt's pasture, McGivern's pond, Puffer's grove, Courtney's lake, and the First Bridge--to name a few of those neat Guelph recreation areas. Most have now physically vanished and remain only as treasured childhood memories.

THE WAR YEARS AND BEYOND

I joined the Air Force in 1942 from Glendale, CA, and flew in B52 bombers, "Mitchelling" over the noisy skies of the Mediterranean theater of operations. After the Service, I found employment in the electronics department of Solotone Corp., later at United Testing Labs, and finally Muzak, Teleprompter, & Westinghouse. I found my life's partner in '47--the then Agnes Schroeder from Illinois--the "find" being a complete fulfillment of all my childhood and early manhood fantasies, and much more, including the rich blessing of a son, Michael, born '57, graduated Cum Laude from U. S. C., and presently a senior accountant for South California Gas Co.

Now, at retirement age, I am enjoying the "last of life for which the first was made".

ELMER AND JUNE DAVIS SCHUMACKER

Elmer Schumacker was born September 27, 1922 at Monango, North Dakota. His parent were Adolph Schumacher and Magdalena Rassler Schumacher of Jamestown, North Dakota. They are both deceased. He had 11 brothers and sisters. They are: Emily Kutchinskie of Fullerton; Edna Murch, Herbert, Ida Hetletved and Albert of Jamestown; Lillian Else, Grand Forks; Marie Hansen, Oakes; Elsie Ostrem, Felton, Minnesota; and Ellen Wagner of Oak Harbor, Washington. Ernest and Alyce Schrenk are deceased.

June Davis Schumacker was born June 1, 1929, at Oakes, North Dakota. She was the daughter of James Davis and Myrtle Coleman Davis, who are both deceased. She had 1 sister, Eileen Ulmer (deceased) and two brothers, James Davis, Mercer Island, Washington, and Bill Davis, Alexandria, Minnesota.

Elmer and June were married January 5, 1946. They have 5 children.

Jerry, Oakes, North Dakota was married to Marcelline Allbee from Faulkton, South Dakota on July 27, 1968. They have 4 children.

Judy, Oakes, North Dakota was married to Darryl Jacobson from Oakes on September 22, 1979. They have 2 children.

Joyce, Zell, S. Dak., married John Jungwirth from Zell Sept. 7, 1974. They have 2 children.

Tom, Oakes, North Dakota was married to Virginia Daniels from Ludden on July 7, 1973. They have 2 children.

Larry, Fullerton, North Dakota, married Lu Strutz from Oakes on November 21, 1980. They have 2 children.

June worked at the North American Creamery in Oakes after leaving Guelph until her marriage. They farmed east of Oakes for 2 years before buying their farm northwest of Guelph where they still live.

Joyce and Judy graduated from Guelph High School.

JERRY AND MARCELLINE SCHUMACKER

Jerry Schumacker, son of Elmer and June Schumacker, Fullerton, N. Dak. was born Aug. 23, 1946. He attended school in the Guelph area. After high school he held various farm laborer jobs.

In July 1968, he married Marcelline Allbee of Faulkton, S. Dak. To this union 4 children were born: Shiela, Kim, Kristyl and Greg.

At present, Jerry works for the city of Oakes and Marcelline works at the Oakes Manor.

DELBERT AND SUSAN SCHWARTING

Delbert L. Schwarting, son of Laverne and Dona (Bogardus) Schwarting was born July 7, 1950 in Hecla, S. Dak. and raised in that area.

He married Susan C. Crandall, daughter of E. J. and Beverly (Askins) Crandall of California on September 20, 1980.

They moved to Guelph area on December 15, 1981 at which time Delbert was employed by Michael German.

Delbert has a sister Pat Watson at Hitchcock, S. Dak. and a brother Derald in Hecla, S. Dak.

FRANK AND JEAN SCHWARTING



Frank and Jean Schwarting

Frank, the son of John and Essie Engle Schwarting, was born in 1923 in Guelph. He attended school in Guelph and graduated from Guelph High School in 1940.

He went to Michigan to work and later returned to Guelph where he farmed and drove the school bus on the Guelph route for several years.

Frank returned to Michigan where he married Jean Stowell, whose husband had been killed in an accident. She had 4 lovely daughters, Mary, Margaret, Linda and Ann, who were all at home. All the girls are married now and there are 9 grandchildren.

Frank's hobby is repairing and rebuilding cars and Jean enjoys craft work. They live in Woodland, Mich.

THE SCHWARTING SAGA



John and Essie Schwarting on their wedding day.



John and Essie Schwarting in their later years.

This story began, like all good stories, long, long ago in a little country store near Bremen, Germany. A small boy with shiny big blue eyes slid around the counter and edged slowly toward the cone of rock sugar sitting temptingly beside the pepper canister. His father, busy with his back turned, glanced around and with a twinkle, "Got a sweet tooth, John?" He strode over, cut off a generous hunk, handed it to John, and enjoyed the enthusiastic response for such a small favor.

That little boy was John Herman Schwarting. Nothing was half so exciting to him as going with father to the store to help Grandma Baines, for when a boy got enough of exploring the counters and barrels, he could always go through Grandmother's house and into the adjoining barn housing the cattle.

Ah! That was the place for a boy, once his stomach was full! The air was fragrant with the smell of sweet hay and warm cows and soap and water fresh scrubbed walls, floors, and cows. That was the place for a boy to dream. And what dreams John had!

He dreamed of the day he and his family would cross the great Atlantic Ocean to America, which was really home, for father was an American citizen. They had only come to Germany to care for Grandmother Baines as long as she needed them. One day they would all return to that wonderful country. Only this time they'd not settle in New Jersey, where Schwartings made their fortune as merchants. This time they'd go hundreds of miles to a brand new State where land was rich and free, where a boy could make his fortune in any of hundreds of ways. There were roads to build; homes, farms, elevators to erect; horses to shoe; crops to put in and harvest; all the myriad of jobs to be done in building a new county.

"John! - Oh, John!" called father. "Time to go home now." And off they went, back to their nearby home where Mother was waiting with older sisters Kate, Sena, Tina, and Mamie, and little brothers Dick, Henry, and George.

On the way father asked John, "Would you like to help me take a load of peat to town tomorrow?" And what could be more exciting than that? For the peat was dug from the bog at the far end of the farm and sold in town for fuel. It had to be hauled by boat on canals which ran between the farms. Father had never taken him along to Bremen before - wait until he told Dick!

At last the great day arrived that John dreamed of most often. The whole family was aboard the passenger ship "The Maine" and on its way to America. Father had heard from his sister in South Dakota and she said they must come there at once, as opportunities were unlimited.

It was November, so a small six year old boy and his brothers and sister were confined below in the huge passenger ship. They spent the days exploring and having lessons with Mother Meta. John, the most curious member of the family, undoubtedly was fascinated by the huge throbbing motors in the heart of the ship.

In New York they boarded a train for South Dakota. How exciting to see the great new country unfolding about them! In his active young mind, John could sense the thrill of change and adventure. All of his life this was to stay with him - the call of the unknown.

When spring came on the prairies, a new farm was going up with help from neighbors and friends. The house had to be large to accommodate the big Schwarting family with its four girls and four boys and a new baby due almost anytime.

There was plenty of work for everyone. The fields must be worked with horses and walking plow. There

were a few cows, a large garden, much housework. Then came the beautiful baby girl, Caroline, the darling of the whole family.

Soon it was time for school, and all those who could be spared and were old enough walked two miles to and from school daily.

The years went by fast and when John was 15, Sam Zeller hired him to help on his farm. The days were spent sowing grain, cultivating corn, milking cows. It was hard work, but in return John received $15 a month.

He also had the confidence to tackle nearly anything and the quick mind to see through to the heart of a matter.

Now one Fourth of July at a celebration in Hecla, John met a girl he was to consider the loveliest of women all of his life. Frank Engle introduced him to his sister, Essie. She was of medium height, dark haired, slim waisted, soft spoken. John had never had much time for girls before, but he knew this was one girl he had to see again.

This girl, this Essie Engle, was a relative newcomer to Hecla. In 1906, her father Albert moved his family to Hecla, S.D. From Shelbyville, Illinois. The land salesman clinched the deal by telling him of the wonderful chinook winds that came during the coldest parts of the winter, turning snow into water and freezing temperatures into lovely mild days.

It meant giving up a home surrounded by trees in which squirrels played and birds built nests.

It meant giving up Green College, the rural School where all the children learned to read and write, where spelling bees, debates, and Christmas programs were thrilling events. It was here, too, that Sunday School was held for those families too far from Opdike to attend services regularly.

It meant leaving cherished friends who shared in parties held before the fireplace where chestnuts were roasted, corn popped, and games played. In the winter there was sledding with horses to pull the sleigh, in the summer there were picnics and softball.

But in spite of all of this, his pioneer spirit prevailed and Albert Engle hired a boxcar from the railroad, loaded his livestock, farm implements, and household goods. He and his sons, Clem, Frank, and Harry rode with the things. Martha, his good wife, Essie, Minnie, and Winnie, the twins, Gladys, and little Stanley traveled in a coach of the same train.

They went from an established farm in Illinois to an unknown farm on the prairie. All of them were filled with excitement of foreboding, as their nature might dictate. Essie, just about 17, disliked most leaving her two bosom friends, Dessie and Arnie.

At their destination they found a five-room house, 3 rooms downstairs and 2 upstairs, no fireplace and no trees, but good rich farmland. With his thrifty, hard-working habits, Albert Engle soon prospered.

His family, too, liked the new community. Neighbors were friendly and interested in the attractive newcomers. They enjoyed the quick wit of Harry, were charmed by the beauty and grace of Essie, fascinated by the mischievous twins, and entranced by little Gladys, who had lost one hand in a corn picker accident but could do anything with her one remaining hand.

After the family got settled, Essie had the opportunity to work in the millinery shop in Hecla. There she sewed, making dresses and trimming hats. This experience was to serve her well all her life.

Now we come to the point we were at in July 4, 1908. Frank introduced Essie to John. Soon he was escorting her to quilting bees, box socials, and other community affairs. The Engle home was happy and inviting, and John soon felt as much at home there as in his family home. His own mother had died and he appreciated Martha Engle's bustling spotless housekeeping. He also saw that all the qualities most desirable in a woman seemed to be beautifully developed in the girl he was courting.

So they were married on Sept. 9, 1909, in the little country church with Essie's Uncle, Henry Meyer, officiating. Afterwards there was a family dinner, the table decorated with garden flowers and laden with all sort of delicious foods.

Later in the day John and Essie were taken to Hecla by Frank and Harry in a surrey with the fringe on top. They boarded a train for Minneapolis. Here they went to the State Fair, visited parks and other places of interest, including Minnehaha Falls.

After their honeymoon, they moved onto the Vick farm near Hecla. Here they had one child, Pauline Ruth, who died at birth.

That fall John and Essie moved to Guelph to a little house south of the elevators. Here Clyde was born. John started a blacksmith shop in Guelph, which grew into a garage as times changed and autos replaced horses. This, however, was not challenging enough for a fertile and restless mind. At different times John built roads, elevators, and houses. He had a threshing rig that harvested all over that part of the country. Anything that needed doing, John was able to do.

In about 1914, John built a little house for his family in Guelph. Soon after it was built, a new addition was added to the family in the person of Glen David. Then in 1919, Rosalie was born.

With the coming of automobiles, John loved the high powered fast cars. He loved to drive them and to work on them, keeping their motors purring smoothly.

Essie did the same thing for her home. She had a special gift for making a house a home. No fighting, nagging or criticizing were tolerated. Home was a restful, relaxing spot where everyone was loved for what he was.

Into this home came Franklin John in 1923 and then in 1927, twins arrived; Willard and Wilma. Somehow the small house expanded to accommodate the extra babies. Just as the older boys were in high school, Betty Jean was born.

In a family so spread out, life is many splendored. All the boys knew motors intimately as other boys knew blocks or tinker toys. They were free to use the tools and ask questions.

The girls were needed to help with all the household chores and did so with vigor and imagination.

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By now the Depression had put a damper on a lot of things - but not on love. So at 20, Clyde fell in love with beautiful Dottie Pfutzenreuter and they eloped and were married. He seemed determined to live every minute of his life as though there weren't going to be enough of those minutes. Their first child was a tiny violet-eyed daughter, Carol. She was only a year old when Clyde died of a ruptured appendix. Within a few

weeks, a second child was born, Constance. Dottie was a brave young mother and became a rural mail carrier in Hecla, her home town. Many week-ends and holidays the little girls spent with their Schwarting grandparents. They grew up more as sister than as nieces to their young aunts and uncles.

Now that hard years come, only the stability of a strong Christian faith kept the ship from rocking. But there was always enough food on the table and it was served with graciousness and love. Clothes were mended, made over, turned, and worn again.

One by one, the children grew up. They had been given the self-confidence to dare to try their wings.

John had a heart attack and passed away May 9, 1964. Essie had a stroke in May of 1979 and was hospitalized at first and then went to the Ellendale Nursing Center where she passed away in August of that year.

GLEN SCHWARTING



Glen, Pat, and David Schwarting

I am the son of John and Essie Schwarting and was born in Guelph in 1914. I attended the Guelph School.

During the drouth and depression years, growing up in Guelph was an experience one would never forget. One cherishes the memories of family and friends, but hopes one never has to go through the painful experience of doing without which all of us experienced.

Everyone was in the same situation, as there was no money, no jobs and at times it looked as though there was little hope for the future.

This led me to seek an area where there were jobs and an opportunity to grow. I found those opportunities in Michigan and lived there from 1936 to 1970. During that period, I worked at several companies in various capacities and was fortunate in being able to grow and expand with each company.

The last position I held was with Ore—Ida Foods, Inc., whose headquarters are in Boise, Idaho. I worked for them as plant manager from early 1968 until my retirement April 1, 1981. During those years I specialized in taking over plants that were in financial trouble, rebuilding them and making them successful. The last assignment was building a new plant at Plover, Wis. and getting it started. This was the most difficult but an exciting experience that turned out very well.

My personal life during these years has been very happy due to the help of my wife Pat and our son, David.

We now live at Fruitland, Idaho, in a comfortable home, situated on a bluff overlooking the Snake River. We also have a winter home at Sun Lakes, Ariz. where we spend the cold months of the year. Our son lives in Michigan.

WILLARD AND LUELLA SCHWARTING



Willard Schwarting family

Willard Schwarting was born March 11, 1927 to John and Essie (Engel) Schwarting of Guelph. He has 3 brothers and 2 sisters (one sister has passed away.) (See John Schwarting history).

Luella Slaight Schwarting was born Oct. 1, 1940 to Ray and Margaret (Kenny) Slaight of Hecla. Luella has 6 brothers and 6 sisters.

Willard and Luella were married August 18, 1956. Their cildren are Keith, Wayde, Dale, Tracy, and Stacey.

After Willard's honorable discharge from the Navy in 1954, he worked for Eino Visto in Oakes for several years. He traveled, doing construction work from 1960 to 1965. Other interesting jobs were working in a rock quarry at Dell Rapids, S.D. with Northern Improvement Construction out of Fargo, N.D. and operating a hay grinder. For the past 16 years, he has worked as a mechanic for the Brown County Implement Company at Aberdeen, S.D., and is now a salesperson for that company. The Schwarting's reside at Bath, S.D.

WILLARD AND RUTH SCOTT



Ruth and Willard Scott.

Ruth, the daughter of Jacob and Mary Lou Wagner, was born in Illinois in 1898. She came with her parents first to South Dakota, then to Guelph in 1906. She attended school in Guelph.

July 27, 1917, she married Willard Scott in Aberdeen. He was the cashier in the Guelph Bank, having come to Guelph, Aug. 17, 1915, to take over the job. He had come from Courtney, N.D., where he had served as cashhier in the bank there. He originally was from Indiana and had been in banking business in Minnesota before coming to North Dakota.

Two sons were born to the Scott's, Judson and Robert. Judson married and lived in Winona, MN. They have 5 children. He is deceased.

Robert married and lives in Lichfield, MN. They have 3 children. Robert operates a spraying plane.

Willard resigned in 1928. They then moved to Elbow Lake, MN. where he was in the banking business. When he retired, they moved to Alexandria, MN, where Ruth still lives. Willard has passed away.



Willard Scott fishing in Florida.

CLIFFORD AND BETTY SEELYE

Clifford Seelye was born at Elliott, N.D. to Walter and Lena (Adolf's) Seelye of Englevale, N.D., Feb. 1, 1928.

His brothers and sisters are: Melvin, Chester and Luella Potter of Lisbon, Ida Maack of Foxhome, MN, Ethel Maack of Fergus Falls, MN.



Clifford Seelye family.

Betty Fisk was born Jan. 3, 1933 at Lisbon N.D. to John and Nora Fisk of Milnor, N.D. Her sisters and brothers are: Mary Etzweiler of Florida, Gladys Bucholz of Gwinner, N.D., Albert of Montana, John of California, William of Durbin, N.D., Archie of Florida and Robert, deceased.

Clifford and Betty were married in 1952. In the early 1960's, they moved to the Guelph area on what is known as the Frank Youley farm (NE¼ of Sec. 10-129-61). They have 12 children: Rockie, Janie, John, Rodney, Jessie, Robert, Jerry, Rosanna, Joe, Ranora, Jennie and Russel, and 8 grandchildren.

ROCKIE AND MARIAN SEELYE

Rockie was born June 30, 1953 to Clifford and Betty (Fisk) Seelye at Memorial Hospital, Lisbon, N.D., the Seelye's lived at Englevale, N.D. at that time. Rockie, at an early age, moved with his parents to the Guelph area on the farm formerly occupied by Frank Youley's, the NE¼ of Sec. 10-129-61. He attended shcool in Guelph.

Rockie married Marian Olson, June 27, 1973 at the Sanford Lutheran Church. She was born Nov. 13, 1953 at the Jamestown Hospital. Her parents are Palmer and LaVerne (Else) Olson of Marion, N.D.

Rockie and Marian have three children: Shane-6, Justin-5, and Joshua-3. Their home is in Oakes, N.D.

ROD AND CINDY SEELYE

Rod Seelye was born Nov. 25, 1960 at Lisbon, N.D. to Clifford and Betty Seelye. Rod has 6 brothers and 4 sisters (listed in the Clifford Seelye story).

He married Cindy Brown, Nov. 14, 1980 at Ellendale, N.D. Cindy's parents ar Ralph (Bud) and Angie (Johnson) Brown of Oakes, N.D. Cindy has 6 brothers: Ralph of Portlan, Or., Tim, Dave, Steve, Joe and Ben all of Oakes; and one sister, Melanie.

They have 3 children: Jason, Luke, and Jacob, and they live in Oakes, N.D.

EDMUND AND RUTH SELL



Ruth, Edmund and Nanci Sell.

Edmund, the son of Henry and Wanda Raabe Sell, was born Auig. 12, 1909, on the farm near Guelph. He attended the school in Guelph.

He never liked farming so in 1930 when his Uncle Julius offered him a job working on the Great Northern Railroad, it didn't take him long to jump on the train at Guelph to go to Devils Lake, N.D. During the time he worked there that summer, he decided he liked that kind of work better than farming.

In November of 1932, Jim Newham and he went to San Benito, Texas. While there,they stayed with the Van Meters. They worked in various places, first planting and then in spring harvesting vegetables. Mr. Van Meter gave them a plot of ground to plant whatever they wanted. Jim planted tomatoes and Edmund planted carrots. Edmund sold his carrot crop for $50. In the spring he returned to North Dakota.

In April of 1934, The Great Northern called him saying there was a job for him. He went to Fargo. This time his Uncle Julius was not his boss, but L. Thompson was instead. They worked east of Fargo to St. Cloud. Some of the towns on this line were: Fergus Falls, Evansville, Brandon, Sauk Centre, and Melrose. Harold and Ann Maddock and Ruth Beck came to visit him once. He says that was really a pleasant surprise. He was laid off this job in September. He and his Uncle Julius and his brother, Rudolph went to Chicago to attend the World's Fair.

In March of 1935, he went to work on the iron ore docks at Duluth and Superior. The docks could only be repaired while the lake was frozen. One day the temperature was 40 degrees below. They had stopped work that day.

He married Ruth Beck Oct. 31, 1936, in Aberdeen, S.D. Ruth, the daughter of Henry and Mary Kramer Beck, was born April 15, 1910, near Fullerton, N.D. She was one of 7 children: Helen Trolier (deceased), Christine Potter, Walter, Hannah Hauser, Arthur (deceased), John (deceased). She helped care for her mother until her death; then she worked in Ken Waite's store.

There was a snow storm the next day after their marriage. A week later they set off in the '29 Chevy which he had bought in Chicago when he was at the World's Fair. They went to Coatesville, Pa. and stayed with her brother-in-law and sister, Joe and Helen Troliers while Edmund looked for work. One day when coming home from putting in an application, he picked up a hitch hiker. He told Edmund about a place that was putting on a third shift. He applied and on the 7th of Dec., he got a job in the machine shop at 45¢ an hour. He learned the machinist trade while at Collins & Ailman which took 4 years. The more he worked there the better he liked the work. This company made automobile upholstery until the war started: then they changed to making officer and soldier uniform material. In 1953, orders came from the company that they were closing the factory there and moving to South Carolina. Edmund left Collins & Aikman and got a job with Strunk Chain Saws, Inc. on Feb. 2, 1953. This company made 20,000 saws a year for Sears Roebuck for about 3 years then they started making a direct drive saw under the name "Strunk" which was much lighter. A short time later the company began making riding lawn mowers. Edmund's machinist trade came in handy as this involved much tool and die work. The largest die was about 400 lbs. and the smallest 2 lbs. In 1960, this business began to fail. The owner was one who wouldn't take a suggestion or good idea and try it. One time when he was gone, Edmund made a change on the reverse on the riding mower. He was very angry when he saw this; however, two weeks later that same change was made on all mowers. Edmund says he still has one of those mowers which is about 22 years old.

Edmund left Strunk in Aug. 1962 and went to Boloit Manufacturing Co. in Downington, Pa. There he operated a lathe. After working 6 weeks there, he was told he would have to join the union. That he didn't want to do. He left and went to work for James Spring and Wire Co. There were about 20 employees then: now there are 70. While with this company, Edmund says, "I have traveled some, twice to Connecticut, once with the plant manager and another time with a fellow employee. We also flew twice to Chicago, once on business and another time to an Industrial Show. I retired in 1974 for 2 months. Then I went back to work for 4 days a week for a couple of years. Then 2 or 3 days week until 1980. Now my hobbies keep me busy: bowling in winter and golfing in summer and cutting grass and working in the garden."

The Sells have a daughter, Nanci. She attended college in Wilmington, Del. After graduation, she worked at Bancroft's for 6 years and now works at DuPont in Wilmington, Del. She has worked here 13 years. Nanci was born Oct. 31, 1943, on the Sell's 7 wedding anniversary.

Edmund relates, "After I got my first job, we moved into a furnished apartment (kitchen, bedroom, and bath) for which we paid $4.00 a week. Ruth worked in a mushroom cannery for 25¢ an hour. In 1938, I was out of work for 3 months, so collected $9.25 a week unemployment. We moved to Honey Brook in 1939. in 1953, we started building a new home which was ready by Sept. 1954. We did most of the work ourselves.

"While I was working at James Spring and Wire Co., I always had a jar of hard candy on my work bench. All the fellow employees enjoyed nibbling. One day a friend brought a can of chocolate covered ants, grasshoppers, caterpillars, and butterflies. I put them in the jar, and I'm sure every one of the candy eaters got some. We didn't tell them until a month later."

Edmund has a brother, Rudolph, of rural Guelph, and a sister, Anna (Mrs. Harold Maddock) of Oakes.

HENRY AND WANDA SELL



Henry and Wanda Sell.

Henry was born September 14, 1865 at Eau Claire, Wisconsin, the oldest of 5 children (2 brothers and 2 sisters). The family lived in some of the other towns until Henry grew to manhood.

Being in a wooded area, he learned at an early age of cutting and felling logs, etc. He worked in the woods for several years, batching at the logging camps in various areas.

News came of the new land in Dakota where people were taking up tree claims. This tempted Henry to leave the strenuous logging job and seek out their land of plenty. After making several stops and observing, he decided Guelph was a good location.

Wanda Raabe was born in Leipzig, East Germany, April 17, 1887 and came to America by ship via Canada to New York, Chicago by train to Guelph on June 28, 1903, with her parents, brothers and sisters joining 2 brothers and 2 sisters who had previously settled at Guelph in 1902.

The children attended the one room school at Guelph, being of German descent, learning American was very important. In these days they attended school only when they were not needed to help with any labor that might need to be done. In winter, the enrollments were up for all ages.

Wanda soon was employed in the home of Thomas McGinnis' beautiful two story house in Silverleaf (another new town seven miles west) caring for the girls and household duties. This was a joy to her. This developed a friendship which remained over the years.

Henry and Wanda were married at Ellendale on January 19, 1905. Henry had set up farming at a farm known as the Oscar Cuff farm, one mile east and 2 miles north of Guelph to which he took his bride by horse and buggy.

Their home was on a hill. Wanda recalls hearing the coyotes and wolves howl. She would go upstairs and look out the window and listen for the sound of the wagon wheels nights when Henry would come home late from helping others with the threshing, etc. The howling of the animals was a frightening experience to a young lady.

Several times while Henry was helping others fight the prairie fires, she watched it all from the upstairs window.

Their first child, Anna, was born April 22, 1906, at the Moore farm one mile east of where they lived. Wanda had walked there to visit when the baby decided this was the day. The house still stands.

In 1907, they moved to a farm one mile east of Guelph. This was Oscar Cuff's farm which they purchased.

Their first son, Rudolph, was born here November 28, 1907. Edmund put in his appearance August 12, 1909. Son three was born August 1, 1927; being premature he succumbed of yellow jaundice and pneumonia ten days later.

When the three children were small the old house caught fire upstairs. Henry was coming in from doing chores and saw the smoke; said "Come on kids" and went out with the children. When Wanda didn't come, he went back inside, she had put out the fire.

Around 1914, the lumber arrived for a new 3 bedroom bungalow. Amos Waite was the carpenter; John Schwarting assisted before it was completed. Wanda and Anna, on their knees, scraped the flooring seans with broken pieces of glass to have a smooth floor - quite different from modern sanders now.

One fall, Henry had a field of wheat to finish cutting. It was very ripe; a storm was coming up. The whole family spent the day there. Wanda and the children were shocking while Henry ran the binder. Wanda hadn't had time to bake bread so sent Anna home to go to the store to buy that luxury for their supper. While they finished up at the field before the storm hit, Anna returned from Puffer's store, did up the chicken chores and closed all the windows in the house. Henry had gotten into the house as the storm hit, and Wanda had gone into the front bedroom to double check on the windows. Lightning struck her. Henry got her out on the front porch, gave her alcohol to revive her. Then he sent Rudolph and Anna to Puffer's store to phone for the doctor. The children were frightened but ran to Guelph through the rain, afraid of the thunder and lightning. Dr.Maercklein rode out on the rails (GN speeder) with Ellendale Section Foreman to the Sell farm. Wanda recovered after several weeks.

Their only means of transportation was horse and buggy, horse back and lumber wagon and horses. Henry would walk the mile to school with the three children on a very cold or stormy day. He said that was better than hitching up a team and sitting in a cold wagon.

Henry bought a new Ford Touring car in June 1919. The family remembers him walking to Oakes and coming home with the new car. That evening he took Rudolph and Edmund for a ride. When he took Wanda to look at the fields and drove into the yard, he hit the mower. He threw up his hands with a "Whoa!" Then said to Wanda, "Why didn't you stop it?"

When they lived in the old house, wild strawberries were very plentiful in the area near the Sand hills east beyond Ludden. Women and children would go "strawberrying" as they called it. One year Wanda canned many quarts, but someone had heard of this and one day when Wanda went to get a jar of berries out of the basement - all were gone. The only way they could have gotten them out was through an open window and then had to crawl over a bed to get out of the window.

Henry dug many wells while on that farm for drinking water. He would witch for water with a willow.

He had one well for stock that never ran dry but too much alkali.

Henry and Wanda's brother, Edward heard of the new land in Montana. In the spring of 1910, they went there and also to Canada. Edward did stay in Montana. Henry decided Dakota was best. While they were gone, Wanda and the children visited at John Jones home one mile east one evening. While coming home that evening, Wanda had to explain to Anna and Rudolph what the northern lights were - a fantastic sight to children never to be forgotten.

Henry died October 23, 1937 and Wanda died April 18, 1970.

RODNEY AND ROSE SELL



Rod and Rose, Randy - 17, Renae - 14, Russ - 12.

Rodney C. (Rod) and Rose began their "Mission Impossible" in Jan. of 1965 (after the tape self-destructed). Even though they grew up about 6 miles from each other, the "chemistry" wasn't right until about 1963. The sparks flew for 2 years before the blaze began.

Rod was attending college with big ideas of life in the big city as an accountant and rolling in the cash. Rose was working as a secretary which she continued to do for the next three years.

One son and 3 years later, they decided the "big" money was to be made in farming! (That was the funny part). Rod's dad decided he didn't want to farm as much and asked Rod to throw in with him. Since farming was Rod's first love, he jumped at the chance.

Their first crop was planted in the spring of 1968 and yielded a bonus. Along with a good crop, they got a daughter. Must have been living on fertile land because 1½ years later, they produced another son.

This cozy little group lived in a 10 x 55 mobile home. Togetherness is great, but they figured that was carrying things too far, so the planning began for a house. In July of 1973, they moved in.

Life on the farm has been good to them even if they haven't seen the "big money". They have the world's best "in-laws" and 3 healthy good-looking children -- Randall Scott, Renae Marie, and Russell Curt. They have been fortunate enough to have toured many states of the Union and still appreciate good "ole North Dakota".

Rod, the son of Rudolph and Ruth Maddock Sell, was born Jan. 12, 1946, in Britton, S.D. He attended school in Guelph and graduated from high school there in 1964. He has a brother, Ron, who lives in Langford, S.D.

Rose, the daughter of George and Bernita Magsman German, was born Dec. 11, 1944, in Oakes, N.D. She attended Guelph School and graduated from high school there in 1962. She has a sister, Mrs. Maurice Maddock of Lompoc, Calif., 5 brothers, Anthony and Robert of Hawthorne, Calif., Gerald, James and Charles of the Guelph-Ludden area.

RUDY AND RUTH SELL "HE AND SHE"



Ruth and Rudolph Sell.



Marlene and Ron Sell and children: Todd, Wayne and Ronda.

He was born near Guelph when Guelph was twenty-five years old. She was born northeast of Guelph when Guelph was thirty years old. He remembers she when she was about ten. She only knew there was He living east of town.

It was a warm August evening in 1930; it was also Carnival Time in Ellendale. He stepped off the ferris wheel with some gal, She stepped off with some guy. At that point something intervened; be it lot, fortune or destiny. He and She walked away together and have been "going around" together most of the time since. Don't ask what happened to that other guy and gal.

A year later She left for Minnesota to further her education. He stayed at Guelph helping on his father's farm. Over the next few years the relationship waxed and waned. She came home about ten days yearly - it isn't necessarily so that absence makes the heart- - -. He and She finally decided the relationship was either going to be all off or all on. He and She married in June 1934. Their first and only residence was a farm northwest of Guelph consisting of a rundown barn, a rundown granary, a rundown hog house, a rundown chicken house, a rundown people house and two dead trees. Those depression years were rough, the pennies

almost non-existent, so He and She and their friends devised their own form of entertainment!!! Some of that so-called entertainment was pretty silly, however, it afforded us a lot of laughter. Most of the time the four or more couples congregated at He and She's home for they were the only married ones. It was from that abode any number of escapades originated. There was the Sunday they decided they were all hungry for fried chicken - who in the community had fryers? Most of the afternoon was spent scouring the countryside for the elusive fowl. At most farmsteads they were quickly turned aside for it was the gals in the group who were approaching the doors. Those gals were wearing what was most unheard of in those days. Shorts!! They must have come fully an inch above the knees! Shame! Shame! In late afternoon, one dear soul (to get rid of the embarrassing trio, I think) sold them three chickens for seventy-five cents. Back to He and She's home - chickens were never dressed, cooled and fried so rapidly. Kentucky never had "finger lickin" so good.

As all good ladies of churches hold bazaars, Guelph was no exception. Fudge always sold well. No refrigerators around then, so the chocolate delight, when cooked, was placed outside to cool. A most beloved former teacher told the gang the ladies were gathering that evening to cook up the confection, he knew for his wife was a member. About the time it was thought the cooling process was ready to begin, the culprits were packed into one car across the driveway waiting for the action to begin. Didn't take only moments after the cooked product was placed ouside for three cookie sheets of the delectable concoction to be snitched. The scene of the crime was deserted hurriedly. That gang ate and ate and ate. Then what to do with the pans? Those offenders might steal the fudge, but they would never think of destroying the pans. Late that night it was decided to place them on the porch of one of the ladies who had been helping make the fudge. Wonder how she explained her having those pans to her fellow members?

One evening the whole gang showed up at He and She's home with a huge bag of peanuts, came in and plopped themselves down on the kitchen floor. Soon peanut hulls were being flung all over the kitchen, cupboards, table, sink and floor. As soon as the peanuts were eaten they left - what a mess they left. It was years later She learned they had decided on the spur of the moment to just plain come over and mess up the kitchen.

He and She could go on and on recounting similar pranks; won't even mention the Halloween stunts - especially the time D.S. almost go caught - nor the oyster stew, etc., etc. None of us had cash but we had fun. All of those friends except D.S.B. have moved away and how He and She miss them.

In 1942 He and She bought the farm. Three years later on January 30, 1945 a son arrived. On January 12, 1946, number two son arrived. You think after ten years of marriage those two events didn't alter the quiet, set routine of He and She's household?

When the sons were in grade school, She started work in a local hospital, continued there for six years, followed by nine years employment at a Nursing Center. In the meantime, He was assessor of the township, served on the township and school boards besides carrying on the farming operations. He and She had long before this replaced the two dead trees by hand digging and planting two-three hundred trees. Many more have been added since by a much more modern method. There is not one original building on the farm.

Number one son, Ron, lives in South Dakota with his wife Marlene and three children Todd, Wayne and Ronda. Number two son, Rod, lives with his wife Rose and three children Randy, Renae and Russell across the drive way from He and She. He and She live a more relaxed life now (sometimes that is)! For the past ten winters have forsook Guelph for warmer climates - come April, they are happy to return.

He and She are grateful for their ecumenical family - Catholic, Lutheran and Methodist and for living in such a community as Guelph.

RUDY AND RUTH SELL

RICHARD AND BARBARA HOLMES SHERBURNE



Richard and Barbara Sherburne

Barbara Jean Holmes was born on Feb. 24, 1952 to William Garth and Mae Raisanen Holmes. She grew up in the Guelph community and was a member of the last class to graduate from Guelph High School in 1970. She was active in 4-H and church activities. She attended the University of North Dakota - Grand Forks and graduated in 1974 with a B.S. in Nursing. At UND, she was active in the Student Nurses Association and Campus Crusade for Christ.

Following her graduation she did three years of clinical nursing in Madison, Wi., shere she worked in the Center for Trauma and Life Support at the University of Wisconsin Hospital. In her spare time she was a 4-H leader for two years and was active in the local Nurses Christian Fellowship and Elim Baptist Church.

In 1976-77, she was a volunteer staff member for Nurses Christian Fellowship before joining their staff as a Campus Intern in Chicago in 1977. After her internship she was assigned to work with Nurses Christian Fellowship in Michigan, coordinating the work

statewide. As a staff member she serves as a resource person for the leaders of the various local fellowships and does teaching in Christian growth and the spiritual dimension of nursing. She finds the job to be a real challenge, with increasing responsibility.

In 1982, Barbara directed the NCF Summer Conference for the Eastern USA, and 1982-83 she is training two Campus Interns for their work in the Southeastern USA. Barbara is active in University Reformed Church in Ann Arbor, Michigan where she met her husband, Richard Sherburne.

Richard's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sherburne of Holland, Michigan, where Mr. Sherburne is on the faculty at Hope College. He has one sister, Marie, who lives in Cadillac, Michigan. Richard works as an electronics technician in Ann Arbor.

Richard and Barbara were married in Ann Arbor on July 1, 1981. They reside at 2238 Dexter Road, Apt. 103, Ann Arbor, Michigan. They are both active at University Reformed Church, where Richard is a deacon and Barbara is chairman of the the Outreach committee.

MICHAEL AND BETSY SHORT

Betsy Hokana Short, the daughter of Emil and Hillia Hokana was born in Oakes, N.D. She graduated from Ellendale High School. She recieved her B.A. degree with major in mathematics and a minor in German from UND, Grand Forks. She did further studies at the Foreign Language Institute and U.C.L.A. She was Community Ambassador from Grand Forks to Finland in 1958. She taught high school mathematics and German in California. She has served as organist in California, Hawaii and Colorado.

She married Michael Short in Minneapolis, June 28, 1964. He was born in Los Angeles and has a B.A. degree with an Engligh major from Yale University and an M.A. degree in journalism from U.C.L.A. His present position is Chief of Bureau, Boston Bureau, The Associated Press.

The Short's have 2 children, Michael Hokana, age 15 and Katherine Miriam, age 13. Both are active in church, school, sports, music (piano, violin and French horn) somewhat active in gardening, drama, art, and cooking but very inactive in cleaning their rooms and taking out the garbage.

The Shorts have had the opportunity to live in many places, most recently California, Hawaii, Colorado and now Massachusetts. Betsy says, "Our consensus: it is a wonderful and magnificent country. However, home is where the heart is and that is Guelph, N.D. I am delighted that my husband and children share my love for this special place."

Since my parents lived all their lives in Ada and Lovell Townships, I feel it it more important to tell about them as I knew them than about our family history.

My parents, Michael Emil and Hillia Miriam Wattula Hokana taught their ten children about the love of God, the love of country (Mother and Father traveled from East to West coasts), the love of nature (fields of grain, ducks or geese winging south, or, more happily, north, cattle grazing contentedly, incredible open skies, the Northern lights, the stars, planting trees or the annual gardens, flowers - wild or homegrown, the fresh smell after a rain, a rainbow, sunrises and sunsets,...)

Mother and Father loved music. Father directed bands and choral groups, selected hymns and led the singing in church, always supported by Mother. They enjoyed good friends, appreciated their good neighbors, and were hospitable to all. Many guests were also treated to their Finnish sauna, emerging par-boiled and proud.

Mother loved poetry and had a wonderful memory. She could recite many poems, the Declaration of Independence, the Gettysburg Address, all the Presidents, many Biblical passages in Finnish and English, and many bright Finnish sayings. Both Mother and Father could sing many songs from memory all their lives.

My fondest memories of Guelph: the kind and gentle piano teachers, Muriel Howard and Mrs. Maude Root; Mrs. Swanson, delicate but strong on patience and fortitude; Nettie Howard's twinkling blue eyes and sunny disposition and the cheerful wave and wonderful smile of our mailman, H.C. Maddock, (many years later Carroll Waite was the mailman and my parents were very grateful for his many acts of thoughtfulness, too.)

JOHN (JIM) AND VELMA SIMMONS

John Simmons and Velma Streeter were married in Michigan in January of 1901. While they lived in Michigan, four children - Freda, Walter, John, and Basil were born to them.

In 1908, the family moved to the Dakotas where a brother. Aleck Streeter, lived on a farm near Hecla. The family then settled in Merricourt where Carl was born in 1910. In the fall of 1910, they moved to a farm in the Hecla vicinity. In 1929, the family moved to the Jack Montgomery farm west of Ludden (NE¼ of Sec. 11-129-60). It was here that they became acquainted with the Jim Andersen family who lived just across the road. They became good friends, and to Karen and Howard Andersen, they were known as Grandpa and Grandma Simmons.

For a time they lived in Monango, where they cared for Aunt Vin Secoy. After her death, Jim and Velma went to Oregon where Jim worked as a custodian in the capitol building at Salem.

Finally, they wanted to return to their old hometown of Lakeview, Michigan, where they were born. It was here they celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary. A year later, Jim died suddenly of a heart attack on his 91st birthday.

After a couple of years, Velma moved to Ellendale to be with one of her family. She died at the age of 92 and is buried in the family plot in Hinton Cemetery in Mecosta County, Michigan.

HENRY AND ANNA SANDNESS SIMONSON



Henry and Anna (Sandness) Simonson

Henry Simonson was born December 18, 1889 at Fort Ransom North Dakota.

Anna Sandness Simonson was born February 17, 1904 at LaMoure, North Dakota. She has two sisters and a brother at LaMoure and one sister at Jamestown, North Dakota.

Henry and Anna were married June 27, 1932 and they have three sons.

Howard and his wife, Elizabeth, have two daughters and one grandchild. He was born in 1933. He is an inspector at National Can Co. near Des Moines, Washington. He spent two years in the army.

Wesley was born in 1938 and is single. He served four years in the Navy and overseas duty. He works for Western Airlines in the post office at the cargo department and is supervisor of cargo for Western Airlines at Seattle, Washington.

Lyle was born in 1942. He and his wife, Arleen, have three daughters. He works at the Post Office at Billings, Montana. He serve 20 years in the Navy and was stationed in Vietnam part of the time.

Henry passed away in September 1977. Anna lives at 821 S. 219th, Apt. 6, Des Moines, Washington, 98188.

She taught school for a total of 10 years and was then a housewife. She taught the upper grades in the Guelph School in 1922-23.

LYNUS AND LEONA SITTS

Lynus Sitts and Leona Maude Mitlander were married at Milford, Iowa, Feb. 28, 1901. Three children were born to them there - Clara (Mrs. Ted McMahon), Vera (Mrs. Emil Tedin) both living in Oakes, Lynus (Son, to many) decerased Nov. 1, 1977.

In 1915, the family moved to North Dakota and settled 7 miles east of Oakes in Verner township. Then they moved to Guelph where they lived for 8 years. Mrs. Sitts nursed many people while living there.

Later the family moved east of Oakes. In 1940, due to ill health, they moved to Oakes. Lynus, Sr. passed away Feb. 11, 1957. Mrs. Sitts passed away in Nov. 1958. They had lived for a while with Mr. and Mrs. Emil Tedin.

Mrs. Clara McMahon has 3 daughters. Mrs. Tedin has a son and daughter. Lynus, Jr. married Helen Law in June, 1938. They had 5 children -4 boys and a daughter. The oldest son died in Jan. 1981 in Colorado. Helen lives in Forman.

Charles and Ethyl Law, parents of Helen, lived in Ludden area, moving in 1933 to Montgomery farm for a year before moving to Riverdale township.

JOHN EDWIN AND SOFIA SKOGLUND



John and Sofia Skoglund

John E. was born in Goteborg, Sweden, August 10. 1879. In 1886 his mother and brother, Gust and he came to the United States by boat and landed in Chicago, Illinois. John received his education there. At age seventeen, he enlisted in the Spanish American War. He was stationed near Miles City, Montana, during his stay in the Army.

Sofia Palmer was born in Skirrup, Sweden, October 27, 1881. She came to Chicago, Illinois in 1901 by some relative purchasing a ticket for her. In November 1903, John and Sofia were married in Rockford, Illinois.

John came to the vicinity of Guelph in the early fall of 1903 as the Northwest Land Company had land for sale. He purchased one fourth section of land for thirteen dollars and acre in Ada township.

In March 1904, John left Sycamore, Illinois and landed in Hecla, South Dakota, with his few belongings in a railroad car to make a home on the section of land he bought and which is still owned by the family.

His wife, Sofia, arrived in Ellendale in April in a blizzard. She was stranded there and had to help the hotel owner feed the stranded people until the strom subsided.

The life of the Skoglund family began with one of the first artesian wells drilled with horses in May 1904, at a

price of four hundred dollars. John and Sofia had seven children, Gladys, Esther, Ida, John, Jr., Alice, Clifford and Ethel. All received high school diplomas and taught in the surrounding community.

John served on the township board, school board, elevator board in Silverleaf, County Commissioner of the fifth district from 1916 to 1920 and served as State Representative in 1925 from the twenty-fifth district.

John passed away at his home in September 1940, and his wife, Sofia, in December 1964, in Ellendale. In 1981 Alice Arndt, who lived near LaMoure passed away. So as the Guelph Centennial approaches, the oldest and youngest survive. Gladys lives in Ellendale and Ethel Klotzbeacher in West St. Paul, Minnesota.

BARTON AND ARLENE SLEMMONS



Arlene and Barton Slemmons

Arlene Lorraine, the daughter of Henry Derocher and Saddie Saari Provost, was born Jan. 24, 1928, at Hecla, S.D. Arlene and Barton Kent Slemmons, son of Senn D. and Margaret Henry Slemmons, were married June , 1951. They now live in Washington, D.C. where Barton is Chief of Orthopedic Dept., National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland. Arlene is a registered nurse. They have 5 children: Steven Kent, Kirby Dean, Kent Daniel, Jeffrey Craig, and Jane Lynn.

Barton has one sister, Ann Bauder of Grand Rapids, MN., and one brother, Daniel, of Escondido, Ca. Arlene's brothers are Melvin Provost of Nampa, Idaho and Ron Provost of Braham, MN. Her sister, Dolores Young, lives on a farm near Guelph, N.D.

JORGEN AND MYRTLE SORUM

Jorgen and Myrtle Sorum lived in Guelph from June 1966 until August 1970. Mr. Sorum was manager of the Guelph Farmers Elevator.

In August 1970, they moved to Thief River Falls, Minn. where Jorgen was manager of Thief River Grain Co. until 1977.

As of now, they are both semi-retired. Myrtle works part time at the Thomas Drug Store. Jorgen sells Health Insurance.

Mr. Sorum's son, David, stayed with them when they were in Guelph and attended high school there, graduating in 1970.

DON SPROUSE FAMILY

Don Carrol Sprouse was born to George and Angeline Scoville Sprouse in Lennox, Iowa October 12, 1899. He had four brothers - Oliver, Irvin, Vernon and Floyd and one sister, Pearl. He was married to Edith Hafey, August 29, 1926. Edith was born June 21, 1905, to Stephen and Ora E. Axtell Wolfe Hafey. Edith had four sisters - Belle, Dorothy, Sarah and Florence and two brothers - Carl and Walter.

Don Sprouse was principal at the Guelph school during the years 1929-1936. His wife, Edith, taught in the second grade for 11 years until 1932 when the school board, considering the econmics of the depression years, decided one pay check per family was sufficient.

They had two daughters, Donna Mae was born in Guelph, December 20, 1933. She married Robert Sherwood of Wakpala, S.D. They have four children and live in McLaughlin, S.D. The older daughter, Ora Marie, was born in Monango, at her Grandmother Hafey's home, while Don was teaching at Dickey Consolidated School, 1927. The young family lived in the quarters provided in the school basement, but when they moved to Guelph, they lived in the house west of the Methodist Church and across from the school. Edith's mother, Ora E. Hafey, lived with them. Ora Marie married Charles Stewart of Grafton, N.D. June 1, 1946. They have six children and live in Grafton.

Guelph held many memories that were often recounted in later years when Don and Edith were teaching Indian students of Standing Rock Indian Reservation where they made their home after leaving Guelph.

A few of the more treasured remembrances concern:

HALLOWEEN PRANKS - Not those done by children but those perpetrated by grown men of the village. It is remembered that Charley Swanson's farm implements disappeared from the sales yard and reappeared atop his business building. Or there was the time that the cow which belonged in Anna and Harold Maddock's barn spent the night, instead, in the classrooms of the

Guelph School.

BREAKFAST CLUB - A group of Kate and Grover Howard, the Maddocks, the Sprouses, and others would make a very early surprise visit to some sleeping unsuspecting couple on a Sunday morn and demand that they get up and eat breakfast with them. The uninvited guests brought the breakfast makings, took over the kitchen, and stayed most of the day.

COMMUNITY EVENTS - Home talent plays and the Christmas program at the Methodist Church made fond memories. Oyster stews, card parties at the Community Hall helped speed many winters on their way. Ladies Aid kept the ladies busy if not always united, and PTA at the school offered an evening out.

PICNICS - Picnics were always fun. Those in town were often held in Puffer's grove. Sometimes the picnic site would be at Norton's grove along Highway 11. At one of these evening outings, Edith and some of the others donned the white cloths that had been used on the picnic tables. Looking very much like ghosts, they would make a sudden appearance at the road's edge causing the frightened motorist to step on the gas and speed away.

SCHOOL DAYS - Many exciting and laughable things happened while Don was principal, music teacher, basketball coach, and janitor. In fact, he was a one man teaching staff. Many of those who were his students will have their own memories. Opening exercises were often song fests held in the high school room where all the school enrollment sat two to a desk and sang "Solomon Levi", "Juanita", and "Tenting Tonight" from the "Golden Book of Songs". Don loved practical jokes and always appreciated a good joke in return. Girls were not allowed to wear overalls to school in those days but two students, Dorothy Schultz and Naomi Wagner, thought to break the rule and came back to school one stormy noon both dressed in bib overalls. A rule is a rule and they were told to remove the offending garmet. One girl did, and the other offered but with the statement, that there was nothing on underneath.

DANCES - Dances were not always looked on with favor in Guelph, so Ludden dances were an attraction for the young people, but gas for the jalopy was hard to come by in the 30's. Don's nephew who was living with the family and some of the other young boys knew that Don kept a can of gas at the school and they helped themselves to it quite freely. Don soon caught on and filled the gas can with a good portion of water and set it out where it was available to the young mischief makers and waited. After dark a car tank was filled with the bogus gas. That car, full of would be merry makers, got no farther than Grover's Store.

DEPRESSION - Guelph was not spared from the drought and heat of the 30's. Summers were so unbearable that housewives wet sheets and hung them in the doors and windows to make the hot wind into a cool breeze. Ironing and cooking were done between 5:00 and 6:00 a.m. Many of those families who lived close to the school would spend the daytime hours in the school basement where it was delightfully cool. Depression wages made the Sprouses consider other occupations. Don wrote a Civil Service test for border patrolman but was called to teach in the government service instead. The family moved to Bullhead, S.D., on the Standing Rock Indian Reservation on Thanksgiving Day, 1936. The family stayed on the reservation. Edith taught most of the time and in later years Don was a boss farmer. Don died of a heart attack at Little Eagle, S.D., July 11, 1954. He is buried in the Ellendale City Cemetery.

Edith retired from teaching in Stephen, Minn. in 1967 where she was chosen outstanding teacher by her colleagues. She lives at Mobridge, S.D. Ora Marie is a director of the Carnegie Regional Library at Grafton, N.D., and Donna Mae is a specialized mathematics teacher in the Mobridge school system.

IVAN AND HELEN SPROUSE



Helen Fuher was born in Whitestone Township, Nov. 6, 1907, and attended grade school there. She attended four years of high school at the NI while working for her board and room at the John Callan home in Ellendale. She attended NI College for two years and then taught in rural schools but returned each summer to work toward her degree. She was a school teacher for fourteen years and then entered the army where she was a Cryptographic Technician in the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. until she received a medical discahrge in February of 1945. She then filled out the school term in Guelph in the 3rd and 4th grade room.

May 23, 1941 she married Ivan Sprouse at Moorhead, Minn. He was born in Lenox, Iowa, Oct. 6, 1908, and came to Ellendale with his parents in 1910. They moved onto a farm now owned by Paul Brandenburger. In 1929 he began working as a mechanic for Fred Walker, who operated the International Harvester Dealership. He worked as mechanic for Kendall and Hamar, for Thorpe Auto Co., and Quality Chevrolet until 1972 when he retired. He, too, served in the army from 1942 until 1945 in the John Deere Ordinance Battalion, both in the states and overseas.

Helen was appointed County Superintendent of Schools in 1952 and has served in that capacity since then. Since 1980, she has been working only 2 days a week.

LYLE AND GLADYS ANDERSON SQUIRES



The Lyle Squires Family

Lyle G. Squires was born August 20, 1931, in Arlington, Iowa. He is the son of Cheslie Squires and Vera Corey Squires, who are now both deceased. He had three sisters, Vida Drexler, Buelah Thomas, and Hattie Boldt who are all deceased. His three brothers, Grover, Clarence, and Steve live in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Gladys M. Anderson was born June 3, 1934, at Guelph, North Dakota. She is the daughter of Henry Anton Anderson and Mae Munch Anderson, who are deceased. She has one brother, Lloyd, of Fargo, North Dakota, and one sister, Beverly J. Papacek of Bismarck, North Dakota.

After Gladys graduated from the Guelph High School in 1952, she spent a year and a half working at the Shrine Hospital in Minneapolis. During this time she met Lyle and they were married May 29, 1954. For two years they made their home in Waterloo, Iowa. In 1956 they moved to Illinois where Lyle farmed.

Gladys worked outside her home besides being a housewife and mother. She enjoyed basketball and bowling.

Gladys and Lyle have four children. James Henry lives in Rapid City, South Dakota and is single. Nancy Ann Ross lives in Princeton, Illinois. She and James have two children, Nancy Sue and Robert Lyle. William Cheslie married Brenda Peacock December 24, 1981, and lives in Wayanette, Illinois. He has a step-daughter. Susan Kay, born October 22, 1962, is not married and lives at Kasbeer, Illinois.

JOHN STARKKA

John A. (Art) Starkka, son of Nels and Briita Starkka, was born at Frederick, South Dakota on October 22, 1894. They moved to a farm south of Ludden when Art was about 1½ years old. The Starkka's had a threshing machine and cook house and traveled around the area threshing grain. They also farmed their homestead which was located in Lovell township, the SE quarter of Section 24, 129-60. Nels was a minister and traveled a great deal, preaching in other areas. One of the churches that he ministered in was the James River country church located on land deeded to the congregation by William Wattula on the SW 40 of Section 25-129-60.

On November 14, 1928, Art married Aili Wirkkala, who was born at Ottertail, Minnesota, on June 7, 1905. She had moved to Gackle, North Dakota after the death of her mother and then to Frederick area and somewhere along the line they met (I guess it was in church). They lived on the Starkka farm for a while and early in 1929 they moved to the Silverleaf area and had a farm north of town. Then on October 17, 1929, their daughter, Irene, was born. In 1931 they moved back to their half of the Starkka farm as both Nels and Briita had passed away and the farm was divided between the two sons. Art was in poor health and he passed away on August 13, 1936.

Aili, with her dad, Leander Wirkkala, and her brother, Henry Wirkkala, and Irene continued to live on the farm trying to make a living during the depression, raising turkeys and Henry working on the Jim River Dam and doing all they could to pay funeral expenses, and hospital bills during a very difficult time in North Dakota.

On July 26, 1939, Aili was married to Wayne Koski, who was born in Finland on March 26, 1900, but then had moved to Gackle, North Dakota when he was just a small boy. They continued to live on the farm. On August 9, 1940 they had a daughter, Betty Kay. As the girls grew up they moved to Minneapolis in the 1950's. Finally, in 1958, Aili and Wayne, too, moved to a small farm near Finlayson, Minnesota. Aili passed away on May 7, 1971 and Wayne now in his 80's still continues to live in their home near Finlayson.

Irene has remained single and has her own home in Grand Rapids, Minnesota, where she is employed. Betty Kay was married on September 20, 1969, to Donald Wendt of Cohasset, Minnesota. They own Rapids Tackle Shop in Grand Rapids, Minnesota, and have two boys, Edward, born April 27, 1972 and Ronald, born December 1, 1980.

JOHN AND MELIDA STAUDINGER

John, son of Steen and Hilda Wilmola Staudinger, was born in Lead, S.D. January 6, 1892. She had two brothers, Victor, now deceased, and Steen of Hecla, S.D. John married Melida Saarie, daughter of John and Hilma Karhula Saarie, who lived in Ada township. She had seven brothers, Emil, Fred, Elmer, Eino, Arvo, William and Charles and five sisters, Helmi Wainio, Freida McMillan, Nina Ray, Mamie Dethlefsen, and Sadie Provost. Her parents and all her brothers and sisters except Nina, Mamie, and Sadie are deceased.

John and Melida moved to Port Emma township and settled on SW¼ of Sec. 26-129-60 and farmed there until Mr. Staudinger's death in 1951. Mrs. Staudinger has remarried and resides in Goodwin, S.D.

John and Melida had three children: Bernice, now deceased, married Edwin Sand of Ellendale. They had

two children. Later she married John Becker and they had one child.

Dorothy married Howard Wendland of Kulm, N.D. They have three children and live in Castro Valley, Ca.

LeRoy married Janet Grotelueschen of Ludden, N.D. They have two children and live in Gillete, Wyoming.

LEROY AND JANET STAUDINGER



LeRoy and Janet (Grotelueschen) Staudinger

LeRoy Staudinger was born March 26, 1927. His father was John W. Staudinger, now deceased. His mother is Melida Saarie Staudinger. She now lives at Goodwin, S.D. LeRoy has two sisters: Berniece Sand Becker, deceased, and Dorothy Wendland, Castro Valley, California.

Janet Grotelueschen was born at Ludden, N.D. on March 15, 1935. Her parents were Carl. A. Grotelueschen, deceased, and Theresa Cook Grotelueschen of Ludden, N.D. Her sister, Fern Hansen resides in Bismarck, N.D. and two brothers, Ray and Wayne Grotelueschen, live at Ludden, N.D.

LeRoy and Janet were married September 26, 1953. They have two children.

Glenn William Staudinger, born August 25, 1954, and married to Candi Jo Neiliegh of Denver, Colorado on August 24, 1979. They have 2 children.

Glenda Helene Edwards was born May 12, 1957, and married Roy Harlie Edwards on December 5, 1976. He is from Gillette, Wyoming. They have two children.

LeRoy completed his Bachelor of Science Degree at Ellendale State Teacher's College and his Master of Science Teaching Degree at the University of North Dakota. Since then he has held teaching positions at Edgeley and Jamestown, N.D.; Storm Lake, Iowa; and at Gillette, Wyoming for the last 13 years. He taught in the Guelph School for 2 years, 1956-1958.

Janet has been a housewife and mother. She has also operated a drapery and home interior business at home for the past 17 years. LeRoy and Janet live at 110 East Sunset Drive, Gillette, Wyoming.

EARL AND ISABEL STEARNS



The original home of what is now the Bob Stearns farm

Earl Stearns was born April 1886 at Hecla, S.D., and at an early age moved to Wisconsin. He attended high school at Portage, Wis. and graduated from the College of Commerce in that same city. Following his graduation, he returned to Hecla and was employed as cashier in the First National Bank. Later he was in charge of the First National Bank of Ludden. In Oct. 1911 he married Isabel Greenawald, daughter of William and Mary Krause Greenawald, who had taken up a homestead northeast of Ludden in 1883. Isabel attended school in Ludden and Milwaukee, Wis.

In 1941 Mr. Stearns became treasurer of Dickey County. He served for two terms in this office, after which he was deputy for two terms. He was again elected treasurer in 1948 and served until expiration of his tenure in 1953. He also served as P.M.A. committeeman for several years and was an ardent supporter of conservation practices, being one of the first promoters of conservation work in Dickey County. He became the first chairman of the James River Soil Conservation supervisors when the district organized in 1947. Farming was always one of his greatest interests. He was a lover of horses. This appreciation for horses was passed down to his son, Robert, and his children. Their trophy room is evidence of this. Earl was known to have the best team in the township when he was courting Isabel.

Earl and Isabel had 3 children, namely, Wilma Engdahl of Havre, Montana, Robert living on the family farm near Ludden, and Helen Califano of Naples, Fla.

Helen was born Oct. 29, 1918, at Ludden, N.D. and attended school in Ludden and NI in Ellendale. She taught in the Ellendale Public School and traveled for



Earl Stearns and the team he used when courting Isabel

overseas division of the U.S.O. in World War II with Eastern Airlines. She married Howard W. Califano, Sr., in Yonkers, N.Y. in May of 1947. He was born in New York, May 9, 1910. They have a son, Howard and a daughter, Dorene. Howard, Jr. graduated from Cornell University as a lawyer. He married Sharon Old and they have one daughter.

Isabel Stearns was born March 26, 1892 and passed away March 26, 1976. Her husband had preceded her death.

VALENTINE AND APPOLONIA STEINER



The Steiner Family: Back row: Valentine holding Frances, Mother, Lucille, Louie, Val; Front row: Carl, Paul, Pete, Millie, Tom

By daughter, Lucille
Mrs. Don Pfeifer

My parents, Val and Appolonia Steiner moved from Bismarck, N.D. November, 1939 to the Patterson Ranch located about 4 miles north of Guelph and 2 miles east. On this farm, they farmed 1600 acres of land; had 100 head of cattle, 30 of which were milk cows and 250 head of sheep. Mother raised a flock of turkeys, about 400 each year. She loved doing this.

In the spring of 1943 the house on this farm burned due to a chimney fire on a very windy day. All our belongings were lost. My parents then purchased a farm near Crete and moved there. Four of my brothers left for service.

Valentine was born January 20, 1892, and passed away December 1971. Appolonia was born July 5, 1897 and died December 1980. They were married October 31, 1916. They were both living in Hillsboro, Oregon, with their son, Val, and family at the time of their death.

Here are the present locations of us children: Don and I stayed in Oakes after he returned from the Army and we moved to Donna, Texas, three years ago.

Louis Steiner and his wife, Rose Hoff, live in Sacramento, California. They have 5 children.

Val and Luella live in Hillsboro, Oregon with their 6 children.

Carl and Lorraine Opp Steiner have 5 children and live in Glenrock, Wyoming. Pete and Helen Schaffer Steiner have 4 children and also live at Glenrock.

Tom and Eva Geffre Steiner live in Annandale, Minnesota; they have 2 children.

Millie Steiner married Everett Davenport; they have 3 children and live at Coosbay, Oregon.

Frances Steiner married Alvin Carlson; they have 6 children and live at Billings, Montana.

Paul Steiner has a family of two and lives in Oakes.

Jerry and Connie Steiner live on the farm near Crete and they have 5 children.

MRS. VIC STEINWAND



Vic and Orpha Steinwand

Mrs. Vic Steinwand taught school at Guelph during the years of 1955-56. She was the former Orpha Opdahl, daughter of Carl and Julia Opdahl of Marion, North Dakota. She married Victor Steinwand of Ellendale August 16, 1953. They have five children.

Victoria graduated from the University of North Dakota with a B.S. degree in Social Work, now a vocational rehabilitation counselor at Grafton State School, married to Dale Pederson and they have one daughter, Lindsay, and live at Drayton, North Dakota.

Jennifer graduated from the University of North Dakota with a B.S. degree in nursing, now at Houston, Texas specializing in Oncology.

Todd, a graduate of Jamestown College in 1982 with majors in Business Administration and History-Political Science, is now a trust officer with the First Northwestern Trust Co. of North Dakota selling trusts for banks in Dickinson and Williston.

Ned is a freshman at Jamestown College.

Allison is a sophomore at Ellendale High School.

Mrs. Steinwand's husband, Vic, is a graduate of Ellendale High School and Ellendale Teachers College. Vic was employed by Kee Bros. for 12 years, then was Business Manager at UND-Ellendale Branch. He is now Vice President of First National Bank and Trust Co. of Ellendale and manager of the First National Insurance Agency. He was elected mayor of Ellendale in 1974 and is currently serving in that capacity.

Mrs. Steinwand is a graduate of Marion High School and Ellendale Teachers College and has taught school before marriage at Beulah, North Dakota and later in Frederick, South Dakota, Guelph, North Dakota and elementary music at Ellendale, North Dakota, but has

spent most of her married life as a housewife.

Victor, Orpha, and family are members of the Zion Lutheran Church in Ellendale.

ANDREW AND FRANCES STENDE



By daughter, Mary Stende Newham

My father, Andrew Stende, who was born Dec. 12, 1882, in Norway, came here from Norway about 1910. Two of his uncles and an aunt had come here to homestead about 6 miles west of Guelph. Their names were Knute, Sever, and his wife, and Mary, their sister. They built farm houses and buildings on their homesteads. When my father came, he got 40 acres of land east of them and worked at that and helped his uncles.

Across the road from Knute was an Irish immigrant who had come from Ireland. He and his wife came to homestead and built a sod house. As they prospered they built another house and farm buildings. To them were born 4 children, John, Mary, Josie, and Frances.

My father married Frances and they moved to a farm 3 miles south and 1 mile west of Guelph (NE¼ of section 24 in Ada township) now occupied by Robert Young family. On this farm I, Mary, was born in 1916. Then my father rented a farm 2 miles south of Guelph (NW¼ of Section 18 in Port Emma township) now occupied by Rick Pahl. There 3 more children were born: Ida, Mildred and Albert.

While we were living there 3 of my father's brothers came from Norway. They went to a school south of our farm called the Cowley School to learn English. They had to do this to pass the citizenship exams. They helped my father on the farm. World War I broke out and Inar and Ivor had to go to war. They both came back with injuries so had to get into lighter work.

I remember the tornadoes we had. One blew the ice house away and the machine shop. The next one took the barn off the foundation and blew windows out of the house. I remember the picnics on the Fourth of July.

Our first school was about a block away. Mrs. Linville was our teacher. She taught all 8 grades. We loved her. She lived on a farm 2 miles east of school.

We always liked to go to Guelph. We thought it was so big. Grover and Kathryn Howard had a store on Main Street where we spent our pennies and nickels for candy. Ken Waite had a store where we could, also, buy candy and soda pop. Jimmy Wallace sold the first radios. My father bought one from him. It ran on batteries, and one had to put on ear phones to listen. When he got speakers in, we got one of those. Then we all could listen at the same time. We listened to Eddie Cantor on Sunday nights and thought he was so funny. My father, also, bought our first car while we lived on this farm. There were no roads, only deep ruts where the wagons and buggies went. He drove it in summer, and if it rained, he always got stuck and then had to hitch up horses and go get the car out. He also tipped it over a few times.

Mr. Waite lived on a farm 1 mile west of us. He had a long white beard, and he used to run all the way to Guelph and back every day. We were fascinated with him and wished we could run so fast.

Then my parents bought the Tom Wallace farm where my mother was born. We moved to this farm. While we were living here, tragedy struck our family. My brother Albert was killed. He was riding his pony along the highway. A car had frightened the pony causing it to jump, and Albert fell off and was killed immediately. When my parents retired from farming, they moved to Oakes. My great-aunt Mary came to live with them. When my mother passed away, Mary went to live with the Sig Berntson's until her death in 1960. My dad came to Minneapolis to live with us girls. He passed away Oct. 9, 1966.

GEORGE AND ELLEN STEPHENSON



George and Ellen Stephenson

George Stephenson was born in Ontario, Canada on May 4, 1863. He had three brothers and two sisters. George spent his boyhood days in Canada and immigrated to the United States coming to Dickey County when he was 23 and moved to Guelph about

1895. He built a house and a feed mill. He married Ellen Marie Adams who was born near Drayton, Ontario. She had three sisters and a brother. Ellen came to North Dakota in March, 1892.

George and Ellen lived in Guelph where George operated his feed mill and farmed and was one of the most successful threshers in the community.

As houses in Guelph were few in these early days they had many opportunities to rent a room to newlyweds. Among those that rented a room at the Stephenson's were Maud and J.D. Root and Carl and Hannah Swanson.

In 1906 when George was on his threshing machine he, somehow, became entangled in the belt and was thrown to the ground bruised and unconscious. He was immediately moved about 2 miles to his home in Guelph and Drs. Lynde and James Stephenson (his brother) of Ellendale and Dr. Boardman of Oakes were summoned. He never regained consciousness. He was 43.

Ellen continued to reside in her home in Guelph until 1909 when she sold out to Mr. Jake Wagner and this is the residence that we are familiar with as the Wagner place. Ellen married J.S. Waite in June, 1912.

JAMES & CHRISTINE STEVENS



The James Stevens Family

James and Christine and their sons lived in Ada Township for 2 years south and east of Silverleaf. Their sons attended Ada School #4.

James was one year old when his parents, Charlie and Carrie Stevens, moved to the North Dakota plains from Michigan in 1882. They homesteaded in LaMoure County near LaMoure; then they moved to the Clement area and lived in a sod shanty on the land that later became the farm home of James and Christine Stevens and Bert and Agnes Stevens.

Christine, the daughter of Tollef and Aase Hanson, was born and raised on a homestead near Kindred, N.D. She came to Oakes to work in the Home Hotel, which was then owned and operated by Charlie Stevens. There she met James Stevens and fell in love. They were married April 13, 1912. Charlie and Carrie moved to Poway, Ca. in 1912, and James and Christine moved out on the farm. They lived here until in the 1920's, then moved to the Silverleaf area, and then to Fargo in 1928.

They had four sons: Earl, now a retired Navy Chief. He and his wife Fran live in Plymouth, Ca. Lloyd now retired from Columbia Steel Mill. He and his wife, Irene, live in Buckhorn, Ca. Raymond (see Raymond and Thelma Stevens history). Lynn, a retired bricklayer, lived in Vancouver, Wash. with his wife, Ruth. He passed away in 1977.

James passed away in 1941. Christine moved to Vancouver, Wash., and worked for several years at the State School for the Deaf and Blind. She lived her last years in California. She passed away in Feb. of 1975.



Lynn, Raymond, Lloyd, Christine Stevens, Earl and Tolbert Waldron

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RAYMOND & THELMA STEVENS



Raymond, Thelma, and Venita

By Thelma Stevens

My husband, Raymond, the son of James and Christine Hanson Stevens, was born Sept. 26, 1917, in Oakes. He attended country schools at Clement and Ada township school #4 and Fargo public school. He

was 11 years old when his family moved to Fargo. These were difficult times. Raymond and his brothers sold "The Fargo Forum" on the street corners, worked for Western Union, and when old enough drove a cab, and did whatever work was available to supplement the family income.

I (Thelma), the daughter of Odin and Thea Knutson Oliason, was born April 9, 1916, on the family farm near Guelph (a home and community that is very special to both Ray and me). My father passed away when I was 2 years old. (Our family history is told in the Berntson and Olaison history). I attended rural school near Willard, Montana, and rural school in Ada township school #2 and attended 1 year of high school in Guelph; then attended and graduated from Ellendale High School in 1932. Mother and Dad endured many hardships so we could get our education. I can still see Dad in winter walking in the snow beside the bob sled, beating his arms against his body to keep from freezing as he took us to and from Ellendale, a 15 mile ride for us but a 30 mile trip for him on Friday and Sunday nights. Little did I realize then the great responsibility placed on my sister, Gladys, as she watched over us during the week in Ellendale.

After high school, I attended St. John's School of Nursing in Fargo and graduated from there. I did private duty nursing. At that time nurses pay was $5.00 for 12 hr. duty in the hospital and $5 for 20 hr. duty in private homes. Most of this private duty work at the hospital was the night shift--8 p.m. to 8 a.m.

Raymond and I were married Sept. 3, 1939, in the Guelph Methodist Church. The following day our wedding gifts, my school mementos, new drapes for our apartment and many other items burned, as the truck caught fire enroute to Fargo. So began our life together.

Raymond worked for Standard Parcel--12 to 15 hours per day, 7 days a week for $18 a week; then for Winston Newell and later as a fireman for Fargo Fire Dept.

Pearl Harbor and World War II changed many lives and scattered families. Rumors of jobs of plenty and high wages on the West Coast, were abundant. We headed West--ended up in San francisco where Raymond went to work for the U.S. Maritime Fire Dept. His draft notice arrived a few months later and we moved back to N.D. and he reported to Fort Snelling, March 19, 1943. The next 3 years were spent: Basic Training at Sheppard Field Texas, Tech School at Keester Field, Biloxi, Miss., Post Graduate School at Consolidated Aircraft, San Diego, California, Combat Crew Training with 222nd Combat Crew at Ardmore, Oklahoma, and just before the Peace Treaty was signed In 1945, he was assigned to the L 5 Squadron for invasion of Japan.

In Biloxi, Miss. I worked at the Base Cafeteria so we could see each other each day. While he was in San Diego, I stayed with his cousin Howard and Lottie Stevens in Poway Valley and had the opportunity to meet Grandfather Charlie Stevens, Uncle Mark Stevens' family and Aunt Zoa Stevens. In Ardmore, Raymond was allowed to live off base so we had a 2 room apartment.

In between each move, I moved home to the farm. Dear Mom and Dad always welcomed us with open arms. Christmas 1945 was a "Super Wonderful Christmas" with so much to be thankful for. Our whole



Thea, Raymond, and Craig Blackwood

family was together again on the farm. The war was over. Raymond was discharged March 9, 1946.

We moved back to Fargo and the Fire Dept. When the first snowflake fell that fall, we sold our home, spent Thanksgiving on the farm with my family, and headed for California. We lived in Fairfield the first year and Raymond worked at Travis Air Base. Then in 1948 we moved to Concord where he began construction work as a mill wright.

We began to set roots, as we bought a home, joined the Presbyterian Church and in 1951 adopted our daughter, Thea Kristine. In 1963 we added another daughter, Venita Jean. These were busy wonderful years for me--working with women's association at church, teaching Sunday School, P.T.A., Room Mother and Brownie Helper. We always looked forward to visits from family and friends. Raymond's mother and brothers, Earl and Lloyd, lived in nearby towns.

Thea married Craig Blackwood Sept. 3, 1972. They live in Vaca Ville and have one son born Nov. 14, 1979.

Venita is attending State University at Davis, Ca. in her 3rd year in college working for a major in English.

Raymond retired for construction in 1973 due to ill health. Concord had grown from a small town of 6,000 to over 100,000 in the 25 years we had lived there. It was time to move on to get away from the press of crowded traffic. We moved to Plymouth, California, a small town with a population of 305, located in gold country. It's peaceful and quiet. We have joined the United Methodist Church in Sutter Creek. We enjoy camping and fishing when health permits. Raymond loves to buy and sell and work on fix-it projects of all sorts. I love to garden, sew, knit, cook and talk, and together we make plans for our next trip to N.D. and the Guelph community. There is no place like HOME.

Ray has 3 brothers, Earl, Lloyd, and Lynn. I have 2 brothers, Maynard and Royal and 2 sisters, Gladys and Bernice.

EINAR AND INGA STRAND

Einar was born in Norway and in 1889 he came from Kristiansund, Norway, with his uncle who was a contractor in St. Paul, Minn. He and his uncle came to



Evelyn, Ella, Nora, Marjory, Inga, and Einar

Ellendale to help build the Dickey County Court House.

Inga Vasvick was also born in 1889 in Norway and came to Ellendale from Tromso, Norway in 1908. She lived with her sister on the Holte farm northeast of Ellendale in Kentner Township.

Einar and Inga met in Ellendale. They were married in 1910 and later moved to the Holte farm.

Six children were born to them. Marjory, born in 1912, married Howard McShane, who died in 1963. They had 2 daughters, Jeanette Kern and Verna Aberle.

Nora, born in 1914, married John Van Sickle. They have 3 children: Donna Mae Hasenmueller, Jack and Kenneth.

Ellie, born in 1917, married Jack Peyton. They had 2 sons, Richard and Gregory.

Evelyn, born in 1919, married Kermit Henderson. They have 2 daughters, Cheryl and Eileen.

Harvey, born in 1924, died at the age of 4 years, and Helene, born in 1927, died in infancy.

In 1918 Einar and Inga bought a farm one mile east of Silverleaf in Ada township. They farmed there until they retired in 1947 and built a new home in Ellendale. Einar and Inga took a trip back to Norway in 1946 to visit their relatives there.

Einar died in 1969 from a heart attack. Inga, who is 93 years old, is presently in the Ellendale Nursing Home recuperating from a fractured hip. Otherwise, she and her daughter Ellie Peyton live together in Mrs. Strand's home.

All the Strand girls received their education in the Ellendale High School and the Normal Industrial College.

FRANCES GREGORY STURMA

Frances taught 7 months in the Guelph School in 1937-38, finishing out the term started by Gertrude Zieman. She had only 11 pupils, 6 in the fifth grade and 4 in the sixth and 1 in seventh grade. The pupils were Kenneth Baker, Lowell Barsten, Edwin Boss, Albert and Orson Bauder, Margaret Barke, Fern Hayenga, Ilene Henninger, Willard and Wilma Schwarting and Marilyn Wallace.

She didn't teach again until 1955, as she got married and raised a family of three boys, who are all married. Her husband, Richard Sturma, passed away in 1971.

When she went back to teaching, she taught in the Fullerton school and continued teaching there until 1978 when she retired. She has done some substitute teaching since retiring. She has a total of 30 years of teaching.

DICK AND RUTH BAST SULLIVAN



Rev. and Mrs. Martin Bast.

Ruth Bast moved to Guelph with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Martin Bast, two sisters and one brother in June of 1933. It was the day after she had graduated from high school. It was the year of New Deal, W.P.A., dust storms and drought. The family lived in the Holiness Methodist parsonage in the northwest part of Guelph.

Ruth remembers Guelph being such a close-knit community. The young people would all get together at the hall and put on programs. Harriet, Joan and she would sing as she played the guitar and Harriet played the piano. There were speeches, games and always lunch. The most common sandwich was a mayonnaise, pickle sandwich spread.

She enjoyed setting hair and would go to the different homes and "finger wave" for 10¢. Once in a while she would buy wave set lotion and other times she would just boil flax seed and it would make a solution that worked quite well. She gave a few permanents, but it was a slow process. Each curl was heated with a heat clamp after the solution was applied.

Ruth's brother, Dale, wanted a bicycle. He trapped gophers and the bounty was 1 cent to 5 cents a tail. She enjoyed hunting with a .22 rifle and would shoot gophers for him. The bullets probably cost almost a penny apiece then so it wasn't a paying proposition, especially if she missed a few.

The years they lived in Guelph were the drought years. The cisterns all were dry and water had to be hauled from the artesian wells to fill them. The drinking water had to be carried from a neighbor's well; this was a common meeting place for friends.

One fall Theora Dokter Hove and Ruth cooked for one of the threshing crews. She thinks those few weeks taught her more about baking and cooking than any other experience she ever had.



Dick and Ruth Sullivan

During the potato picking season, Amos Waite would hire all the young people to pick up potatoes. He had a large field back of her house. He was such a kind man, loved to drive his nice automobile and was always ready to chauffeur anyone who needed to go to Oakes or Ellendale.

Ruth remembers one incident so well while she was working in the store. A young woman came in dressed like a model from the cities. She was visiting relatives and told us that she was wearing clothes made of air, coal and water. It was the first time she had seen nylon and she dreamed of one day owning and wearing such beautiful clothes.

Another time her brother, Dale, rode his bike to Ken Waite's store across from Schwarting's garage. He wasn't paying attention at all and pulled up right in front of the steps only to see a large empty area. The store had burned to the ground in the night.

One day while Ruth was at the dentist's in Ellendale, she heard King Edward deliver his famous speech in which he renounced his throne for Wally Simpson, the woman he loved. They didn't own a radio so it was a thrill for Ruth to hear him.

She thinks everyone remembers the terrible winter of 34 or 35. They could walk up on the snow drifts and step over the telephone wire between Sylvanus Waite's and their house.

Rev. Bast was having special meetings at his church and Rev. Rue from Minneapolis was staying with them. One morning Rev. Bast, Rev. Rue and Dale went out to Beck's about 10 miles from Guelph. On the way home in late afternoon, a storm came up suddenly. In a few minutes the road was blocked. They got out of the car and walked in the blinding blizzard until dark. They tried to follow the fence line but the snow was so deep and Rev. Rue, who was elderly, gave up several times and wanted Rev. Bast and Dale to go on. After a prayer they trudged on. Rev. Bast removed his coat and put it on Dale hoping that, at least, he could reach safety. By some miracle they spotted a faint light and were able to reach a farm house. They stumbled in and were unable to speak for a few minutes. Their hands, feet and faces were frozen. It was probably the home of Sam Carlson where they found refuge. In the blinding storm thye became lost and missed the turn to the Guelph road. It wasn't until late the next day that one of the neighbors could get to a phone on horseback and let the family know that they were alive and safe. It was a very happy and thankful time for the family.

After leaving Guelph in 1937, the Basts moved to Paynesville, Minnesota and lived there 6 years. Later they moved to Moline, Illinois. they built a church in South Moline and he was the pastor there for almost 30 years. Mrs. Bast passed away in 1974 and Rev. Bast in 1977.

Ruth and her husband have both retired and live on a lake between Cedar Rapids and Iowa City. Ruth has had varied interests during her life. After attending Wesley Bible College in Minneapolis for a year, she became a church missionary to the Yankton Sioux Indian Tribe in South Dakota. After 3 years there, she joined forces with the Salvation Army and spent several rewarding years doing youth and social work in Minnesota and Michigan. She moved 10 years in the export department at John Deere in Rock Island, Illinois. She is still busy in church work as a member of the Solon Methodist Church. She enjoys painting, crocheting, ceramics, decoupage, gardening, and collects plates and saucers.

Ruth and Dick have 7 children, 18 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

Their address in R.R. #4, Solon, Iowa 52333. Ruth and Dick are retired but their 5½ acre plot will keep them busy.

DONALD A. SUND FAMILY



The Sund family - Nathan, 6½, Don, Patsy and Elizabeth, 2½.

The orgins of the Sund family both paternally and maternally have direct links to Denmark. My mother's (Ethel) parents were both born in Denmark and immigrated to the Danish Community in Dagmar, Montana. My dad (Lawrence) was born in Denmark in 1901 and he immigrated to the United States when he was 19. He came via New York to Chicago and became a milk truck driver. His "friends" taught him some choice English words, which he soon learned were not too appropriate. From Chicago, he went to Hopkins, Minnesota and from there to farming in the Dagmar, Montana, vicinity. It was there he met and married my mother. Eventually they moved to Illinois where I was born, the youngest of six children.

The Sund family moved to the Guelph area from Illinois in the fall of 1952 when I was in the first grade. We bought the old Kendall place (SE¼ of Sec. 14-130-60). The Cottens had been living there. We lived there until the end of 1961. These 9 plus years carried me into the middle of my sophomore year when we moved to

Braham, Minnesota. My roots have remained in Minnesota, but in 1960 after their one and only trip back to Denmark, my parents moved again. This time they bought a farm just outside of Milltown, Wisconsin, where they still live today. They have spent the past 17 winters in the southern tip of Texas near Harlingen.

After graduating from Braham High School in 1964, I went one year to Augsbury College in Minnneapolis and transferred to the University of Minnesota where I graduated in 1968. While there, I was a member of the University of Minnesota Football Marching Band. The day after I graduated from college, Patsy and I got married. We had gone together since our high school days in Braham. She was the studious one in college. I was always involved in some crazy antics with my colleg buddies.

After college our professions have both been in education in a large sprawling suburban school district on the northwest fringe of the Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area. Patsy teaches kindergarten in the mornings only until our youngest is in school. I taught 9th grade geography for 19 years in Coon Rapids, Minnesota. For the last 5 years I've been a junior high counselor also at Coon Rapids Junior High. We did take a year off in 1979-80 so I could go back to school and get my Ed. S. (Specialist) degree in gifted education at the University of South Florida in Tampa. It was there that Elizabeth, our second child, was born on leap year day in 1980. Our son, Nathan, was a bicentennial boy in 1976. In 1971, I finished my Masters degree in counseling from St. Cloud State University.

Our interests involve alot of outdoor activities. After either working or going back to school every summer, we now take our summers off and spend alot of time at our lake cabin in Wisconsin. Nathan and I go after bass and northerns. All 4 of us enjoy just getting away. That's probably why I enjoy bow and arrow deer hunting and white water canoeing so much. In winter I do get out for some ice fishing and downhill skiing, but I get most of my exercise from racquetball. We enjoy a variety of family oriented activities. Living where we do, we can take advantage of opportunities in the Twin Cities and also the out-of-doors activities in the country which is close by, too.

To update the other 5 Sunds-Eldon is a chemistry professor at a University in Texas. They have 4 children. Joyce and her husband are in the proces of moving from Dallas to Rockport, Texas. They have 2 children. Robert has 4 children, works for Univac and lives in the Twin Cities area. Bev and her husband have 3 children and have a dairy farm near Milaca, Minnesota. June and her husband, Ron, have a dairy farm near Braham, Minnesota where they moved in 1961. They have 4 children.

In thinking back to the Guelph days, I've included some recollections...
--Miss Oliason's "never, never sermons" (as in Never, never write all right as alright).
--My sister, Beverly, making the 1st official basket in the new Guelph gym.
--How nervous we would get when we found out Helen Sprouse (Superintendent) was coming to visit. We'd be on our best behavior.
--At recess, racing out to see who would get to be on the "giant strides".
--Beating Forbes and then Fullerton (what a comeback) in district basketball and then barely losing to Nome in the regionals to go to state.
--Hating Fullerton and coach Davis.
--In 8th grade scoring 10 points to help us beat Fullerton and win the Dickey County grade school championship.
--The terrible shocking tragedy of our classmate, John Beck's death (and his brothers, too).
--Ice cream night in the summer when you would see everybody.
--Tearing around Oakes on Saturday night.
--Going to Hecla when the Oakes stores closed Saturday nights.
--Going to the Riverside Supper Club after basketball games.
--All my girlfriends - Peggy, Donna, Sheila, Eve Ann, Lucy, Hazel.
--Going down to Alva's store at noon hour.
--Staying overnight at each other's house - Carroll, Ricky, Rod, etc.
--Rick M. and I always goofing around at the pull-down maps.
--Starting up a band at Guelph with Ray Hollan and the band contests and parties.
--Playing Crazy 8's on the school bus.
--Coming home from school and finding out we had gotten T.V.
--The incomparable "Guelph Mirror".
--Putting peanuts in 7-up at basketball games.
--Pink and gray were in colors together.
--8th grade graduation.
--A play called "Oh, Baby" - oh brother, what a time we had putting it on.
--In grade school it was the greatest when we got to outside to clean the erasers.
--Another exciting event was the yearly trip to the Shrine Circus in Aberdeen.
--Much more...

CARL (CHARLIE) AND HANNAH SWANSON



Carl and Hannah Swanson

Carl (Charlie) Swanson was born in Sweden, August 11, 1874. He immigrated to the United States when he was a young man and worked in Chicago for a time. He later moved to North Dakota working in the Brampton and Straubville areas for a time before settling in Guelph. He married Hannah Peterson at Brampton, November 24, 1909.

An item in the December 1909 issue of the Dickey County Leader stated "Charlie Swanson and bride are cozily settle in the Stephenson house (Ellen Stephenson Waite) on first street".

In Guelph he was the manager of the Salzer Lumber Company and also sold farm machinery. He continued in this work until his death, June 25, 1935.

Hannah Swanson was born Febuary 4, 1885, in Sweden. Together with her mother, Anna Peterson, and sisters, Emma and Anna, she immigrated to the United States in 1894. They joined her father, Sven Peterson, who had come to this country in 1889. They settled on a homestead three miles west of Brampton, N.D.

When a young lady, Hannah was an apprentice of a seamstress in Milnor, N.D. where she learned the dress-making trade which she used all her life. After she married Carl Swanson they moved to Guelph and established their home.

After Charlie's death in 1935, Hannah operated the Lumber and Implement business until its closure.

In 1934, she opened her home for a rooming house for high school students and also, at times, for teachers.

Hannah became postmistress in 1945 and served in that capacity until nearly 1961. She was a devout member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Guelph. She was very supportive of church missions and the missionaries and was a charter member of the Geulph Prayer Band. her home was always open for church activities. Hannah passed away March 18, 1970.

Her sister, Emma and daughter, Opal spent a year with her. Opal attended the Guelph school that year.

Hannah's sister, Anna Danielson, was well known to the Guelph people, as she stayed with her in 1964 and 1965. Both Anna and Emma, and their daughters, visited the Swansons frequently as their husbands had died when the daughters were only one year old. Viola Danielson says "Since our fathers had died when we were one year old, Uncle Charlie sort of filled that place. He and Aunt Hannah always remembered our birthdays. When we visited them, he would take us to Aberdeen for a day - a thrill for 2 small town girls." Hannah's other sister, Ida, married and lived in Michigan.

ALBERT (OLE) AND MARION SWEARINGEN AND FAMILY

We both had been born and raised in the Hecla area. We went to school there, were married, and lived on a farm east of Hecla.

Our family moved to the Guelph area in 1949 on what was the former Lonnie Maddock farm. Our family consisted of three boys and one girl. Vernon, the oldest, was in the sixth grade; Georgia, David, and Terry were not in school yet, but as they became of school age, they also went to Guelph School.

I will never forget when they told me they played basket ball outside. I couldn't believe it! But they started playing all basketball games away at the other schools. First was the girls' game and then the boys'.

It was wonderful when everyone pitched in to help build the gym. It was such a thrill to see it progress. When it was finally ready, we had a tournament, and how we all worked to make it a success! That was in January, 1956, the year Vernon graduated. He went to Ellendale to college that fall and then joined the Navy for four years. In 1959, he married Myrna Rauma from Frederick, S.D. He still had one year left in the Navy. They settled in Anaheim, California after his discharge.

We lived on this farm nine years, and Jack, Jill, and Susan were born while we lived there. We moved to the former Abe Morgan farm (SE¼ of Sec. 12-130-60), close to the Jim River and in the northeast part of Hudson township. After living there for about a year, they voted to put several quarters on the north side of the Hudson township into the Oakes school district. Our children then had to attend the Oakes school. Tim and Kristi were born during the time we lived there. After 11 years, we bought a house in Oakes and moved in November, 1969.

Vernon and Myrna have three children: Kay, Chuck, and Joan, and still live in Anaheim. The three children are in college.

Georgia is married to Don Mathias of Stirum where they live on a farm. Their children are: Cindy, Donna, Arlan, Arlene, and Curtis. Donna is married and has a baby girl and is a LPN in Wahpeton. Cindy is in her fourth year at NDSU, and Arlan is attending NDSSS. Arlene is a senior at Gwinner High School, and Curtis is in grade school.

David lives in Tacoma, Washington, and has 3 children: Dean, Davy, and Debra, all in grade school. He works for the Tacoma City water department.

Terry was in the Navy for four years and then spent about ten years in Chicago. He was married there, and their children - Bryan, Brady, and Malissa were born there. In 1978, they moved to California and now live at Yorba Linda where their children are in grade school. Terry works for a telephone company.

Jack and wife, Karen, have two sons. They live near Crete, N.D. and he works for a farmer.

Jill is married to Gret Swensen. She attended NDSSS for one year and met Greg, who was also a student. She worked at Fargo and Sioux Falls, S.D. and was married in 1974. They both work at 3M in Brookings and built their home at Aurora about five miles away. They have one son, Ryan, who is nearly a year old.

Susan lives at home and has worked at the Chalet for about four years.

Tim lives in Austin, Texas, where he works for contractors that build swimming pools.

Kristi in a senior at Oakes High School and hopes to attend college in the fall.

HENRY AND MARY TAYLOR



Prof. (Charles) and Hazel Morris

Henry L. Taylor, an early settler of the Ludden area - compiled by daughter, Hazel Taylor Morris.

Henry was born March 11, 1880, in Hartford, South Dakota. His wife Mary J. Peterson was born June 16, 1883, in Luck, Wisconsin. They were married September 7, 1903, in the Methodist church in Ludden, North Dakota.

Children born were a daughter, Hazel Beatrice, May 12, 1905. Hazel is now living in Bradenton, Florida. She was married to Charles Thomas Morris of Elberfeld, Indiana, November 1, 1924. They had one adopted daughter, Betty Louise, who was born in Aberdeen, South Dakota, April 27, 1936. She lives with her husband William Eugene Davis, born in Vivian, West Virginia. They also live in Bradenton, Florida. They have three daughters, Sheila, married who has a son Michael and a daughter Elizabeth lives in Bradenton, Florida. Dianna Dee who is now serving in the U.S. Navy and Lori Lee who attends high school and lives at home.

A son Ainsley Lester, who never liked his name and always went by the name of John, was born October 27, 1906, and passed away in 1957. He married Myrna Kieno of Aberdeen, South Dakota. He was a farmer and lived at Mansfield, South Dakota. They had six sons and two daughters. The children all live in North Dakota, South Dakota, and Minnesota. Myrna passed away in 1972.

Henry's father was George M. Taylor born April 11, 1855, and died January 13, 1923. Henry's mother was Olive Colwell born in Minnesota and died in 1909. She was part Indian of which we were all proud, after all the Indians are really the only true Americans.

Mary's parents were both born in Denmark and came to the U.S.A. on a boat and finally settled in Wisconsin. Her oldest sister and brother were also born in Denmark. Mary had 13 brothers and sisters. One brother, Mads Peterson, homesteaded a 160 acre farm between Guelph and Silverleaf, North Dakota , in section 4 in Ada Township. He was never married and a sister Cecil kept house for him. Mads was a sucessful farmer and stockman. He passed away on the farm. Later the farm was sold to Oscar Wold.

Before Henry's father left Ludden he gave his sons each 80 acres of land. Henry continued to farm and purchased town site land and farmed several acres. Henry also, being a carpenter and mechanic, built the big white house in Ludden, three stories and a full basement. Henry moved his family into this house when the children were 3 and 4 years old. After many years he sold this house to Lee Samson. I believe it is a hunting lodge now. He then went across the street north and built another home.

That home housed the electric light plant. Henry ran it for years, and the next floor was a feed mill where Henry ground feed for the farmers from far and near. The top floor was their home, modern with bathroom. Years later the light plant was moved uptown and Henry discontinued the feed mill. He cut the building down and lowered the living quarters onto the foundation. This was done in about 1922. It was at this home where Henry died in the community he had lived for 65 years. He passed away in 1955 and Mary passed away in 1956.

Hazel's husband, Charles T. Morris taught school in Ludden in 1921 and 1922 and near Edgeley, North Dakota, in 1923 through 1926. In 1928 he received the appointment for rural mail carrier. He was with the postal service for 40 years. Part of his duty was in Chicago, Illinois, Aberdeen, South Dakota, and Belle Rive, Illinois, where he retired. In 1964 he and Hazel moved to Bradenton, Florida, where he passed away October 2, 1982.

Henry had a brother, Marion born December 31, 1883. He passed away in Britton, South Dakota. Henry also had two sisters. Blanch was born February 13, 1887, and passed away October 10, 1887. Emmogine born February 3, 1899, was living in California when she passed away.

Henry's parents came to the Ludden area in 1889 and homesteaded east of Ludden 160 acres. They arrived in a railroad car with their belongings, a team of horses, a cow, chickens and machinery. The boys rode in the car with the stock, I suppose to save train fare. They encountered many hardships. Two stories I've heard Henry tell was how they twisted hay to burn to keep warm. Also the story of how someone gave them some navy beans to cook and when they were done it looked like they were wormy and they threw them out before they found out it was the heart of the bean and not worms. What a terrible disappointment for a hungry family .!

Henry and Marion never had much schooling, but they learned to farm. Henry was also a good mechanic and carpenter. When he was a young man, he worked in a feed mill in Oakes, North Dakota, and for some time he also worked in the round house in Oakes, North Dakota, cleaning and oiling the steam engines that ran on the North Western and Northern Pacific Railroad.

It was around this time that Mary Peterson from Wisconsin came to visit her brother and sister that she met Henry and they were married in 1903. Henry was 23 years old.

Henry started farming for himself and later got a big Case steam engine and separator and threshed for famers near and far. One fall he took his rig to Carrington, North Dakota, and threshed. They had a big



Mrs. Henry Taylor and children Hazel and Ainsley, taken about 1909

cook car and Mary did the cooking for the 21 men. She baked the bread and always had pies for dinner and cake for supper. She did the family wash with a wash board and tub. Of course, she always had Hazel and Ainsley with her. This house was always pulled behind the engine and separator along with the cook car where the men ate.

Henry's father retired from the farm and moved into Ludden where his home was across the street West of the big white house that Henry built in about 1909. It was here Olive died and George and his daughter went to California to live.

April 1, 1915, while bringing potatoes from his cellar, Henry Taylor caught his foot on the top step and fell towards the hot range. As he put out his hand to save his face and place it on the hot stove, he received a bad burn on his open palm. In the course of a very few minutes, his little niece, Evelina, 5 years old, fell through the open cellar door clear to the bottom of the stairs, hurting her fingers and shaking her up generally.

JAMES AND MYRTLE WEITALA TELIN



James Telin family

Myrtle, daughter of Allen and Helmi (Wiire) Weitala, was born Jan. 2, 1928. She attended Ada school and graduated from Guelph High School in 1945. She married James Telin, son of Henry and Marium (Bleibaum) Telin, May 6, 1950. They have 4 children, Donald, Craig, Kathy and Terry, all married, and 9 grandchildren.

Myrtle has 2 sisters, Mae Gebhardt of Ellendale, Millie of Lakewood, Colo., and 2 brothers, Milton of Akeley, MN and Maynard of St. Paul, MN. James has 2 brothers. John of Duluth, MN, and Ed of Bismarck, N.D.

Myrtle is a housewife and mother and presently is employed as a cook in a restaurant.

TRUMAN AND PHOEBE THATCHER



Truman and Phoebe Thatcher

Truman Henry Thatcher, son of Captain Norman Thatcher, was born Jan. 28, 1851, at Pomfert, Vermont. At the age of 6 years, he moved with his parents to Menasha, Wis., where he receivd his education and grew to manhood.

Mr. Thatcher was united in marriage to Phoebe Ann Smith June 25, 1872. Phoebe, the daughter of Cyrus C. and Fanny Eastman Smith, was born at Whithall, N.Y., Nov. 12, 1850. She lived on a farm with her parents until 1865 when she went with them to Manasha, Wis. To the Thatchers was born a daughter, Maude, later Mrs. J.D. Root of Guelph.

Mr. and Mrs. Thatcher and daughter came to Dickey County in 1883, taking up a pre-emption on the present site of Guelph. They later sold this property and moved to their farm one mile west of Guelph where they resided until 1912, when they retired and moved to Guelph.

Mr. Thatcher came to Dickey County with the pioneers and worked his way well through the hardships and privations of the pioneer life and became one of the most substantial, prosperous and representative farmers of the county. He was always an ardent worker for the best interests of his community.

In his early manhood in Menasha, Mr. Thatcher became affiliatd with the Sons of Veterans. He also became a Master Mason there in May, 1876, and for 60 years was a member of Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He was also a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and lived in his daily life the principles exemplified by these orders.

Mr. Thatcher's sister, Emma M. Thatcher, was married to George H. Keyes, who lived west of Ellendale for many years and was agent for the George

Baldwin lands in the Silverleaf area.

Mr. Thatcher died March 18, 1932 and Mrs. Thatcher died Aug. 28, 1933.

Marcia Jean Root Warner of Pasadena, Calif. is a great granddaugher of the Thatchers.

CARROLL AND THELMA (YOUNG) THOMAS

February of 1919 must have been a winter of much snow. It was decreed that I, Thelma, arrive the last day of that month in a blizzard. At that time my parents, Harry and Minnie Young, lived in the house just east of Mrs. Wagners. Because of the snow storm, the doctor could not come out from Ellendale. Mac McGivern, who was the station hand on the Great Northern at that time, went after the doctor on one of those railroad handcars. And so almost everytime I saw that man after I was old enough to comprehend, he reminded me that I was his girl because he had to fetch the doctor who brought me into this world. I still remember Mr. McGivern sitting on the counter in Grover Howard's store.

Saturday nights and certain Thursday nights were lodge night in Guelph. My folks were faithful members and on the Thursday nights Grover's store was the sitter for those children whose parents went to lodge, we three girls, the Pagenkopf girls, the John Baughman children and sometimes the Prelenfeins. Grover's store seemed to have a bit of everything in it. In those days the clerk in the store waited on the person buying and fetched and carried each item ordered. One of those nights we girls picked out a pair of salt and pepper shakers for Mama's Christmas gift. She always used them for company dinners and I would yet if I could just find a cork to plug the hole in the bottom. They must be over fifty years old now and still as attractive as they were when we worried about the cost so much that Grover cut the price for us.

When we were very small our only means of travel that I remember was by horse and buggy. We had a single seated buggy and if papa was going we had a team to drive but for just mama to drive we had old Jenny. We girls soon learned that a bucket of feed would attract the driving horse. The horse also learned how to grab a mouthful of feed and avoid the halter. But we had good times going in that buggy. I remember once buying a new linoleum rug from Mr. Swanson who had the lumber yard in Guelph and putting it into the back of the buggy and under the seat to the front as far as it would go. While Jenny was never eager as we were to go someplace, she was always in a big hurry to get home. She ran much too fast for the good of that new rug. Once on our way to Ludden she refused to cross the river bridge. Some men working on the bridge or near it finally led her across. But going home she literally flew across and would not let a mere man lead her.

I recall having one of those big Overland cars that had side curtains that were supposed to keep out the rain and cold. We had a horse hide robe to get under with a foot warmer that was filled with hot clinkers from the stove. Some winters we went places in a bobsled, also under many covers with footwarmers.

The only places I remember living on were the Frank Youley farm which was the name of the family who moved there after we moved to the Joe Bundy place. From the Youley place I started school in the east Port Emma school. And we usually walked to and from school with our dinner pails and our homework materials. Soon after my starting school in the fall of 1925 I became ill and the teacher, a Miss Doggett, sent me home with two of the older girls to walk part way with me. At the time the Albert Pagenkopf's lived on the Bundy farm. Clara saw me coming home and I can still see her running down that quarter mile lane to meet me. She picked me up and carried me back up the lane where papa was putting some of his things into one of the buildings since we were moving there in the spring. Our family lived on the Bundy place for 18 years.

In all our growing up years our most consistent summer occupation was catching gophers for their tails. The price was fifteen cents each. Usually gopher tail day was in June, but we caught gophers all spring, summer and fall. We had a can on a shelf in our back room where they dried out well for the next counting day. Since, as I remember, Papa always helped with the counting, he took our tails when he went to town for the day, and we would wait impatiently for him to come home so we could divide up the money. The price of tails had gone down to three cents when we outgrew hunting gophers. We used traps mostly, our good dog Bessie to dig them out, or to grab them as we filled the hole with water to flush them out.

One of the most interesting pets was a white billy goat that papa bought from the Van Meters. I rather think the purpose was for the goat to stay with the sheep but he was above that occupation so he became out playmate. He never did learn to pull the wagon with us in it, but he seemed especially to enjoy having us put a broom handle through the curve of his horns and having a tug of war. One winter day he slipped on the ice while out with us and never walked again. We did miss our white long haired friend. We always had a dog, sometimes two, lots of cats and bottle lambs. One year I even had a baby pig that I called Charley that eventually had to be sent to the butcher, who was probably papa, but I did not know that.

I remember attending church and church school in the Methodist Church in Guelph. I revere the strong dedication of various persons who set examples for young people and others; Mrs. Wagner, Mrs. Swanson, Charlie Maddock, Winnie Norton, Mrs. Root, Lottie Puffer, Anna Newman and Pauline Maddock. Certain ministers come to mind, a Rev. Boalch, who walked his parish and always had candy in his pocket, a Rev. Parish, Rev. K. Orlando Lee, a district superintendent who came for a service and gave such a good sermon on hands. Then the next year he came again and unknowingly repeated the same sermon!

I remember Christmas programs at church,

portraying the Christmas story, the songs, the large tree at the front of the church with those little metal candle holders and the six inch colored candles that, if lit, had to be watched so very carefully. And once, during practice, some of us matched pennies in the collection plate! Only vaguely do I recall community Christmases where some good soul dressed as Santa handed out bags of candy, an apple or orange, and some even received wrapped gifts! How hard the pupils of the school I taught in the Hudson district practiced for their Christmas programs. During the program one of the younger ones fell into the manger and more or less crushed it. Poor kids expected teacher to be explosive, but I was beginning to learn that laughter was better than harsh words.

Interesting persons who come to mind are: Harold Maddock, our faithful mailman for years; Evan Hubbard who maintained the roads past our places for years with a four horse hitch; Barb Jensen who cut our hair after we got too old for papa to do it; Kathryn Howard's dress shop in her home behind the store; Harry Newman in the elevator; the Wallace Hardware store; Visto's garage came in later; and so many whose names have vanished.

I remember herding cows every summer morning but Sunday -- filling a tub with cobs every night after school as part of our chores -- sprouting potatoes in early spring that we had helped dig in the fall, then helping to drop the eyes in a furrow behind a walking plow -- the sound of the steam engine whistle in the fall during harvest -- the bang of the corn ears against the wagon box -- watching the first combine work on some of Matt German's fields -- the pride and pleasure papa had in that Rummly threshing machine he and Albert Pagenkopf shared -- Saturday night games of Flinch with mama and my sisters -- Saturday night baths in the galvanized tub that had been filled from the reservoir on the kitchen range -- sitting on the oven door to get warm after being out in the bitter cold. Then there was that day Jack Montgomery came up to spend some time while his folks did other things and we went ice skating. He had real ice skates. We girls just pretended to have. But he fell through the ice and before we got him to the house his clothes had begun to freeze. One winter when there was much snow the Olufsons, the Perlenfeins and we all got new sleds for Christmas. We used that sled for years, then my children did and now when the grand kids are here and there is snow, they do. There were summer picnics in Cowleys grove and Sunday School and last day of school picnics.

After eight years in the Port Emma School, four years in the Oakes High School, two years in the Ellendale Normal School, and two years of teaching in the Kunrath school in the Hudson school district I was married to Carroll Thomas, who was also born during a February snow storm at North Loup, Nebraska. We have now spent forty years together. We have three children who are Betty (Mrs. Bud Carlson) of Sterling, Colorado; Evelyn (Mrs. Jim Rose) of Bayard, Nebraska; and Robert of North Platte, Nebraska. Evelyn has our two grandchildren, Michelle and Jimmy.

We live on the farm where Carroll was born. His father helped build the house back in 1902 and he bought this farm in 1910. We count as a blessing our very good neighborhood and countless friends.

LAWRENCE (LARRY) AND JEANNE THORPE



Larry and Jeanne Thorpe, Ryan, 6, Robert, 2, Robyn, 5, Ross, 1

Larry Thorpe was born at Britton, South Dakota on February 22, 1950. His parents are William Thorpe and Pearle Buro Thorpe. He has one brother, Stanley, of Emmetsburg, Iowa, and three sisters: Gloria Andrejeski of Minneapolis, Minnesota; Darlene Norman of Aurora, Colorado; and Patricia Carl of Mound, Minnesota.

Jeanne German Thorpe was born March 21,1952, at Aberdeen, South Dakota. Her parents are Leo and Shirley German. She has one sister, Sharon Waletzko of Monte Sereno, California, and three brothers; Keith Bymers lives at Oroville, California, Michael German is at Fullerton, North Dakota, and Jay German is at Killeen, Texas.

Larry and Jeanne were married June 25, 1971, at Oakes, North Dakota. They have 4 children: Ryan Eric, Robyn Lyn, Robert Joseph and Ross Leo.

Larry graduated with an Associates Art degree from UND-Ellendale Branch where he played basketball. He then graduated from Valley City State College with a Bachelor of Science degree.He bought his parents homestead where he currently raises irrigated corn, sunflowers, small grain and cattle.

Jeanne graduated from Valley City State College with a Bachelor of Science degree. She then taught in the Oakes Public School and coached girls basketball and gymnastics. Since the birth of Ryan, she has been at home with the children and helping Larry on the farm. She occasionally substitute teaches in Oakes. She and Patty (Forward) Moore organized the Prairie Twisters Gymnastic Club, a non-profit organization in Oakes to promote and maintain the sport of gymnastics. Over 50 young people ages 6 to 18 are involved in this.

STANLEY AND MURIEL THORPE

Stanley Thorpe was born at Ludden, North Dakota, on September 21, 1939. He is the son of William and

Pearle Buro Thorpe. He has three sisters and one brother; Gloria Andrejeski of Minneapolis, Minnesota, Darlene Norman is employed in Aurora, Colorado, Larry Thorpe farms the home place, and Patricia Carl is at Mound, Minnesota.

Muriel E. Tinklenberg was born October 16, 1939, at Corsica, South Dakota. Her father is deceased and her mother lives at Corsica. She has one brother, Marvin.

Stanley and Muriel were married August 14, 1965. They have two children, Kimberly and Christopher. They live in the great lakes of Iowa region and not far from Okoboji which is one of the three clearest blue water lakes in the world. They spend a lot of time on the lake and surrounding lakes during the summer and simply "love it". Muriel still works part time as a nurse. Football season is their favorite time of the year due mainly to Emmetsburg's E' Hawks who are Iowa's winningest football team. They have been in the state playoffs since 1974.



Stanley Thorpe family

After graduation from Guelph High School in 1957, Stanley completed his initial undergraduate work at Ellendale where he was a 4 year letterman in basketball and football. After a few short years of teaching he embarked on a career in Vocational Rehabilitation which he has continued to the present. This has taken him through a graduate education program and post-graduate program within a number of Universities in the midwest. For a short time they were involved in a number of business enterprises in Madison, South Dakota. They were a janitorial service, Modular Home and Mobile Home sales, new and used retail furniture and appliances, and apartment rental. The energy crunch, inflation, etc. created a situation where they had an opportunity to sell out. They did and moved to Emmetsburg, Iowa, where he is presently employed as a counselor-therapist for Iowa Lakes Community College. This is a specialized treatment program serving the hard-core and/or any specific disability that is considered very serious. They are rather well recognized nationally for their successes and serve approximately a five state area.

Their address is: 2205 S. Lake,Emmetsburg, Iowa 50536

WILLIAM AND PEARLE THORPE

William Thorpe was born January 22, 1913, at Hecla, South Dakota. He was the son of Louis and Lena Wilbert Thorpe of Hecla. He has three brothers: Wayne, Louie and John. There were five sisters: Edith, Elmira, Inez, Lorene and Angeline.

Pearle Buro Thorpe was born at Ludden on September 16, 1912. Her parents were Arthur and Katie Raisanen Buro of Ludden. They came to the United States from Finland. She has one brother, Eino Buro, of Ludden.

William and Pearle were married March 5, 1938. They have 5 children. Gloria Andrejeski lives in Minneapolis, Minnesota, where she is employed by the Post Office there. She has 3 children. She is married to Greg Andrejeski.

Stanley Thorpe married Muriel Tinklenberg and they have 2 children. They live in Emmetsburg, Iowa where he works in Rehabilitation in a 5 state area.

Darlene Booker is living in Aurora, Colorado. She is employed by Frontier Airlines. She has three children.

Larry Thorpe lives on the home farm. He is married to Jeanne German and they have 4 children.

Patricia Carl lives at Mound, Minnesota. She is a partner in Court Reporting in St. Paul. She and her husband, Don, have 2 daughters.

William is retired in Iowa City, Iowa.

Pearl has been spending a lot of time with her children and grandchildren in the past few years. She also helps take care of elderly people. Right now she is staying at Larry and Jeanne's.

DON AND CAROL (SANDBERG) TREBILCOCK



Don and Carol Trebilcock

My maiden name is Carol Sandberg, and I was born and raised on a farm five miles east and north of Guelph. My parents are Carl and Evelyn Sandberg, and they now live in Fargo. My brother, Carl Sandberg, Jr. and three sisters, Phyllis Sandberg Brunham, Elaine Ankeny Rockne, and Joanne Sandberg Johnson, all live in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

My most prolific memory of Guelph is riding the school bus. My father was on the school board when I first started school in 1948, and he helped get the very first Guelph School buses. For those who think we spend two-thirds of our life sleeping, I believe we spent two-thirds of our life riding the school bus. We not only rode the bus to and from school but also to basketball games in nearby towns (Forbes and Fullerton were big rivals) and to other activities, like music festivals. We bumped, bounced and swayed up and down the gravel roads and occasionally got stuck in a muddy farm yard. Every time I look in the mirror I remember riding the school bus, because my two front teeth are chipped from crashing into the seat ahead of me when the brakes were forcefully applied as a disciplinary measure.

After I graduated from Guelph High School, I attended Northern State College in Aberdeen where I majored in Secretarial Science. I lived off-campus with my aunt and uncle and (to my horror) had to "walk" six blocks to school. For twelve years my beloved school bus picked me up at my back door, and now I must walk six long blocks to school. The adjustment was brutal.

I went to Northern for two years and then I got a job with the Squire Land and Loan Company in Aberdeen. I worked as a secretary there for 3½ years. I had to "walk" to work, but by now I was getting used to it.

I met my husband, Don Trebilcock, while I was working for the Squire Company. We were married in 1965. Don has a brother and two sisters. He and his brother own the Engel Music Store in Aberdeen.

Don and I settled down to have our own family which has ultimately amounted to three boys - Sam, Nate and Neal. They are ages 17, 15, and 13 respectively. Our family enjoys a common interest which my husband started about six years ago. He had gained quite a bit of weight and began to run regularly to lose it. It helped him a great deal and eventually the rest of us joined in for the fun and fitness of it. Quite frequently, during the summer months, we all compete in road races. Although we run many different distances, our favorite is the 10,000 meter road race which is 6.2 miles. Our two oldest boys are lettermen on the Aberdeen Central High School Cross Country Team.

Running has been a great activity for us as a family. It is something we can all do together, and it is wonderful for fitness. I am a bit amazed that I, who found it so painful to walk six blocks to college twenty-two years ago, can now easily run six miles - and enjoy it.

My only memory of Guelph is not just riding the school bus. I did a lot of that, of course, but there were many, many things, like being on the basketball team, playing in the band, and being in the class plays, that are really precious times to remember. There were so many wonderful people - all my friends - and some of the best teachers you could find any place, like Miss Oliason, Mrs. Vie, Mr. Hollan and Mr. Ketterling, just to name some. I'm sad that there is no Guelph School any more, but time goes on and progress sometimes is cruel. But, in my memories and in my heart, Guelph always will remain.

FLORENCE ESTHER (HANKEL) TRIPLETT



Irwin and Florence Triplett

Florence Esther Hankel, daughter of August and Bertha Kemnitz Hankel, was born March 20, 1909, at Danube, Mn. She moved to the Guelph area with her family and attended school in Guelph, completing the 8th grade there. She also went 1½ years to Oakes High School, but had to quit because she was needed at home.

On July 9, 1935, she married Irwin Winston Triplett, son of Cecil and Marie Nelson Triplett, at the farm home in Ludden, N.D. Irwin was born Sept. 13, 1912, at Harvey, N.D. but was working at the North American Creamery in Oakes when they met.

In the spring of 1936 they moved to Minnesota, first to Howard Lake, then to Annandale, where they were actively engaged in farming.

Irwin and Florence had 2 sons: Douglas Wayne, born Feb. 25, 1936, at Oakes. He is married and has 1 son and 2 daughters. He farms in the Annandale area. Warren Curtis, born Dec. 17, 1939, at Howard Lake, Mn. He also is married and has 2 daughters and 3 grandchildren. He is an International representative for U.A.W. in Minneapolis, and resides in Robbinsdale, Mn.

Irwin passed away Apr. 20, 1981, after a sudden illness, but Florence continues to live on the farm at Annandale, Mn. and enjoys gardening, handwork, her children and grandchildren, and is active in her church and homemakers.

RUSSEL AND TINA TVETER

Russel and Tina Tveter came to Guelph, N. D., on July 26, 1970, where Russel started his first manager's position at the Guelph Farmers Elevator. We came from Mooreton, North Dakota. The first few weeks we lived in the Hannah Swanson house which is now Alma Andersen's home.

Soon we were well settled in our cozy little home and very pleased with the job and the love and warmth



Russel and Tina Tveter, Amber, Amy and Anthony

and welcome we experienced from the Guelph community.

On November 23, 1970, our first child, Amber Annette, was born at Oakes, North Dakota, and what a joy she added to our lives. Being a new mom was quite an experience for me and how well I remember the first time we left her with a babysitter to go to the Christmas party at the Chalet. She was a month old and I felt she just needed two babysitters so both Sandy and Rhonda Waite came over to take care of her. Those two girls remained our steady babysitters and before long Elaine filled their shoes and then when she bacame too busy and involved in things Faye Andersen was initiated into the clan.

Times were good and the job was going along well so in the fall and winter of 1972-73 a huge garage was added to the elevator house. Marvin Aarons was the carpenter. We certainly enjoyed the addition.

By September of 1973, it was time to increase the family and on the 27th, we did. Amy Marie came into our lives, another priceless piece of joy.

In 1976 the elevator board consented to an extensive remodeling of the house which consisted of the addition of two huge bedrooms and turning an old one into a dining room with the addition of a patio. The house was beautiful and just in time for the arrival of our son June 6th, 1978. (He is the caboose).

We enjoyed squaredancing, being foster parents for several years, Tina was on the Ellendale ambulance squad for 5 years, and participated in many of the community functions, school activities and 4—H as Amber was a member. Russel especially enjoyed the hunting and has never had a hunting partner as dear to him as Walter Beck. They had quite a time!

Russel worked very hard and liked his job and the people he worked with very much, but in 1980 we decided to see if the grass was greener on the other side of the fence, so on June 6th, 1980 we moved (Anthony's 3rd birthday). We've had some trials and struggles and really, really learned to appreciate our years in Guelph more than ever and we look back on them with love and memories and good times and wonderful friends we'll never forget and who we hope will never forget us.

Soon Anthony will be celebrating his 5th birthday, the second one here at 503 N 18th, Nebraska City, Nebraska, where the Tveter roots are once again starting to spread.

ALVIN AND JOYCE (COTTEN) ULMER



Front Row: June, Paul, Maurus, Suzanne, Linda (Alberts wife) and Scott.
Back Row: Elizabeth, Joyce, Barbara (Harley's wife), Donna, Harley and Albert.

Joyce, daughter of Harley and Ruby Guss Cotten, was born June 13, 1937. She lived afrom the age of 7 to 15 in the Guelph community with her parents on the Kendall farm (SE¼ of Sec. 14-130-60). When she was 15, she moved with her parents to Fullerton where she attended her last 3 years of high school.

In June of 1955, she married Alvin Ulmer of Fullerton. The following fall they moved back to Guelph to work for Jim and Hattie Cowley on their farm (NE¼ of Sec. 16-129-60) for the next 6 years.

In 1960, they moved to Edgeley, N.D , where they still reside. Joyce works at the Ellendale Nursing Center as a nurse's aide. They have raised a family of nine children, Albert, Elizabeth, Harley, Donna, Scott, Paul, June, Maurus, and Suzanne.

Albert is married to Linda Tabbert from Ross, N.D. and has 1 daughter, Samantha, 19 months old. He is County Agent at Gettysburg, S.D.

Elizabeth is a receptionist for KQDJ radio station at Jamestown, N.D.

Harley is married to Barbara Karjalainen from Frederick, S.D. They live in Aberdeen, S.D. where he works in an auto body shop. She is going to college and is assistant manager of the Pizza Hut.

Donna is a Licensed Practical Nurse and works at the Ellendale Memorial Hospital.

Scott lives at Harvey, N.D. and is employed at a clothing store.

Paul is a senior at Edgeley High School, June is a Junior, Maurus is a 9th grader and Suzannne is a 6th grader.

"Time has gone so fast. It doesn't seem like we left Guelph 22 years ago. We still miss the friends we had there. I guess to me (Joyce), it is still my old home."

MARVIN AND EILEEN DAVIS ULMER

Eileen Davis Ulmer attended high school in Guelph in 1942. She stayed at the Lois Courtney home.

After graduating she worked at the North American Creamery in Oakes, North Dakota until ther marriage to Marvin Ulmer of Fullerton, North Dakota. They farmed for a few years before moving into Ellendale where they both worked at the Jack and Jill store. They had 4 children:

Jim works with his father at the store in Ellendale.
Cheryl Kay is married and making her home in Minneapolis.
Rick is a school teacher in the Ellendale public school.
Shelly is attending school in Wahpeton.

Eileen died of cancer in January 1978.

HERBERT AND ROSIE VAN METER



Herb and Rosie Van Meter.

Herbert Van Meter was the son of Robert E. and Geneva Van Meter, Rosa or Rosie, as she called by many, was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Miller. Herb and Rosie were married November 1912. They had four children, Bob (died in July 1978), Floyd, Claude and Virginia. Floyd's address is 103 Simpson St., Brownsville, Texas; Claude resides at San Benito, Texas; Virginia (Jean), Mrs. Galen Rusch, at PO Box 51, Topock, Arizona 86436. Herbert died in 1968 and Rosie died in 1974.

They lived their early married life one and three-fourth miles of Guelph. While living on this farm they had an artesian well dug in the early 1920's. This well still flows today and provides water for the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Courtney and Mr. and Mrs. Walt Beck. When their house burned down they moved into Guelph into the house that is vacant now, owned by John Maddock. They were both members of the I.O.O.F. and Rebekah Lodge. They were ardent baseball players and fans. At one time when Guelph hired baseball players, two colored players, Dusty and Scotty stayed at the Van Meter home.

In October 1930, they left Guelph for the lower Rio Grande Valley where Rosie's mother had purchased some land and had operated a store. They all made the trip in a 1928 Chrysler with the pet dog "Queen". At one time Herb worked at the Harlingen Air Force Base as a mechanic. He wore "white" coveralls which Rosie kept "dazzling" white. She did her washing in an outside washhouse and boiled his coveralls every week to keep them white.

At one time they were involved with raising frogs for commercial sale. Their boys were involved with this also, but it was on the home farm.

In the later years they had a big paper route. They would get up at 2 a.m. and drive to Los Fresnos and wrap their papers, deliver them over quite a large rural area. They would come home, have their breakfast and perhaps go back to bed for awhile.

At this time both boys are retired. Floyd had been a "shrimper". He owned shrimp boats and "shrimped" in the Gulf. Claude had been in the fruit business, growing grapefruit and oranges.



Herbert, Rosie, Helen, Claude, Ruth, Bob, Maurice and Floyd Van Meter.

PALMER AND GENEVIEVE VIE



Genevieve and Palmer Vie.

Palmer was one of 10 children born to John and Johanna (Oilien) Vie. He was born March 26, 1900, at Enderlin, N.D. He was married June 1, 1931 to Genevieve Maddock, daughter of Charles and Grace (Nesbit) Maddock. She was born April 15, 1909 at Guelph, N.D. They are the parents of 4 children, Joan, Tom, Nancy and Roger. They are both retired and are still living on the home farm.

Genevieve says I remember:

--When most of our roads were prairie roads.
--When the post office was in J.D. Root's store and Harry Young was the mail carrier.
--When the Great Northern train went 6 days a week.
--When the smoke of the steam threshing machines was seen and the whistle heard for miles.
--When a ring on a party line was heard by all on the line and the conversation was listened to by an untold number of "listeners in".
--When there were hitching racks at the west side of the Guelph Church and south of Root's store.
--When there was a horse barn at the school, for horses were driven by many students.
--When McGiverns' dogs ate my school lunch which I had left in the buggy.
--When the one-room school sat about where the gym is today - when the "new" school was built in 1917 - when a rural school building was brought in to become a part of the school building in town sometime in the '50's - when we watched the burning of that part July 4, 1963 - watched the delivery of the rafters for the gym on a cold day in December 1955 - watched from the 5th and 6th grade room the building of the new brick school in 1964.

Sanford Baker turning the ice-cream freezer at the annual Sunday School picnic in Puffer's grove.

Billy Norton's Maxwell runabout sitting in front of the restaurant.

The steel-jacketed stove at the Odd Fellows' Hall and how long it took to warm the place.

ROGER AND JANE VIE



Roger, Jane, Eric and Sarah Vie.

Roger was born at Britton, S.D. to Palmer and Genevieve (Maddock) Vie on June 23, 1945. He grew up and attended school in Guelph. Upon graduation he went to college in Ellendale and later taught Industrial Arts in the Devils Lake, N.D. area.

Roger was married to Jane Wavra, daughter of Louis and Marie (Eggert) Wavra, on June 7, 1975. She grew up and attended school at Hillsboro, N.D. Following graduation from UND at Grand Forks, she moved to Fargo where they met and were married.

Roger and Jane have two children, Eric (5) and Sarah (2). They own and operate a small local moving company (Action Moving and Transfer) in Fargo.

THOMAS AND SHARON VIE



Tom, Sharon, Bret and Shelli Vie.

I, Thomas was born at Hansboro, N.D. on November 27, 1934, to Palmer and Genevieve Vie. My family lived at Hansboro and at age 4 we moved to a farm near Guelph.

My growing-up years were spent around Guelph where I attended both elementary and high school graduating in 1952. The class of 1952 - all six of us - had reached a milestone in our happy years at Guelph. Some of my fondest memories were being state Y.C.L. Vice President and having no gym. All our basketball practices were outdoors wearing gloves and boots most of the time. Following high school, I enlisted in the Air Force and spent the next four years in England.

Having finished my military obligation, I attended college at Ellendale. While in college, I met Sharon Stahlecker, and we were married in 1962. With marriage usually comes children and we have been fortunate to have two super ones - Shelli Rene' - age 20 and Bret Vie - age 18. They both attend Mayville, N.D.

We have lived in Mayville, Guelph and Gwinner but at present we live in Oakes. Sharon has taught high school mathematics in the Oakes High School for the last 12 years. I work at NAPA in Oakes and enjoy my job.

Life has been good to us and we enjoy all the comforts and miseries that North Dakota has to offer.

EINO AND LILLIAN VISTO



Back Row: Gary, Emery, Erwin
Middle Row: Brenda, Shirley, Sharon
Front Row: Lillian and Eino.

E.A. Visto was born at Gackle, North Dakota to Christina and Henry Visto on October 18, 1915. E.A. had five brothers and three sisters. The family moved from Gackle to the Ludden area in 1930. E.A. decided he should go to school and learn a trade. He went to Hansen Auto Mechanic School at Fargo, North Dakota. After finishing school, he went to work for Carstensen Machine Shop in Moorhead, Minnesota. After working there for some time, he decided he would try working for himself, if he could buy a shop somewhere. He heard about the shop at Guelph which was for sale, so decided he would buy it from the German Brothers. He had ½ interest in a motorcycle and borrowed money from Fred McCartney personally to buy the shop.

The first years he worked for 25¢ an hour. To make a living he worked from 4:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. The habit has stayed with him all these years. He got a contract to sell International Harvester Co. machinery. As time went on, the machine business grew and he had to expand the shop as times got better.

E.A. needed a bookkeeper and a companion so he married Lillian Hillius and got two birds with one stone.

Lillian Hillius Visto was born to Ida and John Hillius of Ellendale, North Dakota on November 17, 1920. Lillian was an only girl and had two brothers, Fred and Ted. Both are deceased. Lillian went to school in Ellendale, North Dakota, grades and high school, and to the college at Ellendale. She got her first teaching job at Guelph in 1941. She taught the four upper grades and music in the whole school; grades and high school for $70 a month. There she met Eino and was married June 5, 1942. They have six children, three boys and three girls.

Sharon married Colin Burkhardt. They have two children; Christianne and Mark. They live at Benicia, California. Shirley married Bruce Elsner. They have two children, Brett and Beth. Bruce is parts man at Visto's Inc. at Lidgerwood, North Dakota. Erwin married Jolene Frisson. They have three children, Jaye, Kelly, and Robyn. Erwin is owner of the store, Visto's Inc. at Lidgerwood, N.D. Emery married Patsy Aman. They have three children, Shane, Erica and Chad. Emery is manager of Visto Implement Inc. of Oakes. Brenda married Terry Minard. She is an interior decorator at Baers Furniture Store at Fargo, North Dakota. Gary, not married, is assistant manager of Visto Implement Inc. at Oakes.

In 1955, IHC wanted to close the shop in Guelph and wanted us to move to a larger community. Harvestor Co. had several places we could choose. Also, we had a chance to move to Rock Island, Illinois, and work for John Deere, but we chose to stay and move to Oakes. We built in 1956, a new store for selling parts and machinery at Oakes. In 1976, we sold the store and in 1977, we built another new store south of the old store, which is modern with the times and has the Leasing Co. and also sales of Case parts and machinery.

A Few of Eino's Remembrances of Guelph

Eino has enough memories of happenings in Guelph that would fill this book so I will just relate a few that are "fit to print".

Eino had bought Barb Jensen's house when Barb moved to Oakes. Eino and one of his hired men lived in the house. This was before he met Lillian. This hired man was quite a smoker which disturbed Eino for a lot of reasons and one was that Eino kept a neat house and hated the cigarette butt mess and ash trays. On this particular Sunday Eino got up and went to Oakes to church as he did quite regularly. After church, he might stop for coffee at one of the cafes. This particular Sunday he was notified of a call from someone at Guelph to tell him his house was on fire. He raced his car to Guelph to find his house well up in flames. He had a neat desk in the house which he used for his office records. All his accounts receivable were in that desk or on top of it and he had put a new carpet on the floor not too long before. He thought it was bad enough to lose the house but "Oh no! Not all those records, too". That was the bad news. Now for the good news. Some good samaritan who had arrived on the fire scene earlier had gone in and swept the contents off the desk onto Eino's new green carpet and rolled it up and carried it out to safety so all the accounts were intact and Eino was able to carry on business as usual but minus a house. He later rented the house behind Grover's store where he lived for some time even after he and Lillian were married.

On another occasion, Eino procured an auto bomb - probably one of the first in the community and this time Everett Courtney was the target. Everett's car was parked in front of Bauder's Cafe. He'd had trouble getting it going a few times, but this night after Lodge, he came out and truned on the ignition and hit the starter and "Kabooooom!" the hood flew up and billows of smoke poured out. Everett must have thought the motor was in shambles, but Eino happened along and offered to take him home and fix the mess up in the morning.

One time late at night as Eino was finishing up his bookwork in the old parts shop, he heard a curious noise on the roof. He listened intently and heard other noises at intervals and they all seemed to come from the roof. He thought "Oh my, here I am ready to close up and go home with the days receipts and up there on the roof are 2 guys ready to jump on me when I walk out that door. What am I going to do?" He didn't dare

let on he heard anything or turn out the lights. He began to break out in a cold sweat. Then he figured if he could sneak out the northeast door of the old blacksmith part and sneak through Hank Andersons pasture and circle around and get to the house and John Boss who was staying with him. With John and a trusty six shooter they would sneak over and apprehend the muggers. They proceeded to shine a light upon the roof, but the intruders had jumped off the roof and headed down the alley behind the Bauder Bros. Cafe and crashed into a woven wire fence. Eino thought he had them for sure, but they got themselves untangled and headed into the darkness at full speed. Eino couldn't run fast enough. He jumped into his car and drove around to search them out with his headlights. They seemed to have headed east so Eino drove south a mile and east a mile and then north. When he was approaching the half mile line heading toward the Great Northern tracks a car light went on and a car sped out at great speed and headed east. Eino was lost in the dust and never able to catch up or find out who the culprits were, but the potential pitfalls in working late bothered him for a long time after.

Eino remembers when Roy Williamson moved here from Canada. Eino had one of the first windchargers in the area and the tower was quite tall and sat on the south side of his Guelph Auto Service building. Roy was walking toward the building and the windcharger was whirring away in the breeze. Williamson was so engrossed in it that he walked right into the side of the shop.

And does Bob B. remember when he "messed up" a seat of one of Eino's new tractors and he was caught by one of the neighbors who was hauling water on a stone boat and this neighbor dunked Bob in the barrel of water head first about three times and each time he asked are you going to do that again? and each time the answer was no, no, no!!!

Eino was spared from going to the service in World War II by a request from the farmers and a petition that he was needed for the farm effort. So they said O.K. but he could be a welding instructor and he eventually had about 20 students. They had so many hours of instruction for the course.

Eino was also on the tire board and had to keep track of tires from the seial numbers and Lillian was on the sugar board.

There are dozens of stories about Halloween pranks but Eino tells this memorable one. Al Pagenkopf was the target. He had been visited on prior occasions, but this year he was ready and no one was going to get his machines. He had his shotgun loaded and had a police dog. So there was a challenge if there ever was one. The pranksters began their rounds and drove slowly past Al's farm and sure enough there was the dog and there was Al with shotgun loaded and there was his binder out behind the trees north of the place. They just had to get that binder so away they went for more troops. They split up into 2 details and got some long poles. One group and the poles were dropped off at the binder while the other cruised by to decoy Al and the dog.

They inserted those poles in and around the platform and picked the binder up and carried it up the hill to the east. When they were out of earshot, they pushed and pulled that binder all the way into the next quarter in about the middle where there was a deep slough. Eino farmed the land. After Halloween Al was chuckling to himself for having thwarted the boys this year, having missed nothing else and somehow overlooking his one loss.

Later on in the winter they were having a fox hunt and some of the hunters chanced on this binder in the slough. Al was one of them and he noticed it had the canvases on yet and he laughed and thought how reckless of Visto to leave the canvases on his binder all winter. He was telling everyone how Eino had too many irons in the fire and forgot to winterize his binder. Imagine his chagrin later in the spring when his girls wanted some twine from the binder out by the trees and returned and asked Al, "Daddy, where is your binder?" A red face?

Who will forget Eino's red '33 Ford coupe or later his 1938 Dodge business coupe with the fluid drive that he used for a pick up and hauled everything from motors to plows in the trunk?

And how about the time the elevator office caught fire and Eino ran to his warehouse and got a bag of chloride under each arm and ran down to the fire and got the guys to mix buckets of water from Newman's well with the chloride to smother out the fire. When it was all over he noticed he didn't have any shoes on.

Oh yes, Eino drove that first motorcycle on many missions of mercy. It had a side car for awhile and he said it just fit the sleigh tracks in the wintertime and when the Spirit of Oakes was working the area around the clock, Eino would ferry 2 or 3 fellows at a time back and forth between shifts so they could keep the "Old Spirit" plugging away at the drifts and get the roads opened. He also got J.J. Wallace to Newton to the train for Jamestown and the Internal Revenue Service.

If you want to hear the rest of the stories, corner Eino some day or invite him for coffee and ask him about:
--His broken foot
--His broken finger
--The skein of yarn
--How to qualify for sugar in war time
--What to do if you're picked up with a new car or pickup without a license
--How to get 2 desserts from a waitress
--How to have fun with a Ford coil and a "two holer"
--How to cope with a good customer's offspring who have let the air out of 6 or 8 of your new tractor tires

Remember this folks, this was before T.V. when people used their imagination and developed their own excitement and entertainment.

EVERETT AND MILDRED VISTO

Everett, the son of Henry and Kristina Jokela Visto, was born Dec. 22, 1916, at Gackle, N.D. He moved with his parents to a farm near Ludden, N.D. in 1929. After leaving home, he entered Wahpeton School of Science. He, then, went to work in the shipyard in Richmond, Calif. He joined the U.S. Navy, April 26, 1942 and served until Nov. 1945.



Everett Visto Family

He married Mildred Phillips Sept. 2, 1947 in Halsey Christian Church, Halsey, Ore. She was born Oct. 29, 1927, in Dennison, Minnesota. They settled in Salem, Ore. where Everett worked as an auto mechanic. He built their first home and continued as building contractor, designing and constructing residential homes, remodeling, and commercial buildings in Salem and surrounding cities. Presently he is semi-retired.

They have 4 children: Sharon, living in Seattle, Wash. Barbara married May 23, 1974, to Gary Willard, Salem, Ore. They have one child. Donna married Nov. 8, 1973, to Calvin Melby, Salem, Ore. They have 2 children. Rodger lives in Salem, Ore.

Everett has 8 brothers and sisters: Werner, in Hecla, S.D., Alex (deceased) Siiri married Wm. Jacobson and live in San Mateo, Calif., John of Guelph, Eino and Hilda Luoma of Oakes, Ernest of Christine, N.D. and Edith Berkley, Calif.

Mildred's father is deceased and her mother lives in Albany, Ore. Her brother, Donald, lives in Montclair, Calif.

HENRY AND KRISTINA VISTO

Henry Kanervisto was born in Atari, Vassa, Finland on Jan. 21, 1871. In 1889, he left his brothers and three sisters and immigrated to Minnesota. Later he moved to Frederick, S.D. where he worked as a carpenter for years. Many of the farmsteads in the Savo locality were built by him. He married Kristina Jokela at Aberdeen, S.D. in 1907. Kristina was born in Kuusamo, Oulu, Finland on April 8, 1879 and came to America in 1904, arriving in Gackle, N.D. A year later she came to Frederick, S.D.

Henry and Kristina moved to Gackle, N.D. in 1908, where he engaged in farming and carpentry. (The name Kanervisto was changed to Visto) In 1930, the Visto family moved to a farm in Lovell township called the Ahman farm. Mr. Visto engaged in farming and carpentry here.

Ten children were born to the Visto's, one of which died in infancy. Werner (see Reverend Werner Visto history), Alex was born Feb. 18, 1911 and died Jan. 31, 1969, Siiri (See William Jacobson history), John (See John Visto history), Eino (See Eino Visto history), Everett was born Dec. 22, 1916, and lives in Salem, Ore., Hilda (See Frank Luoma history), Ernest was born May 8, 1920. He attended Guelph High School and graduated from there in 1941. He joined the U.S. Navy and served aboard the ship, U.S.S.Enterprise, during World War II. He is married and lives in Christine, N.D. He is an electrician.

Edetha was born March 18, 1920. She is married and has 8 children. She lived in San Leandro, Calif.

Mr. Visto passed away Jan. 23, 1940. His wife continued to live on the farm with her sons, Alex and Werner, who did the farming. She passed away Jan. 24, 1964.

Mr. Visto's parents were: father - Erkki Kanervisto, born April 10, 1844 in Astarti, Vassa, Finland; mother - Vilhelmiina Heikintyttaren born April 30, 1849. He had 9 brothers and sisters.

Mrs. Visto's parents were: father - Johnanas Jokela of Kuusamo, Oulu, Finland; mother - Kristiiana Murdovarra. She had 2 brothers and one sister.

JOHN AND MARJORIE VISTO



John and Marge, Edith, Marvin, Marshall and Diane.

November 14, 1884, F.W. Tomlinson, formerly a ships carpenter from New Castle, Maine, and at that time a resident of Eaton, Dakota Territory, purchased the SE¼ 15-129-60 from the United States Government for $200. Through the next few years, many settlers had resided on this parcel of land, some owners only paying the price of taxes, which in many cases was only a dollar.

On June 4, 1902, Anton Alkofer purchased the quarter of land from Oscar C. and Mary L. Olson for the price of $4,000. June of 1920, Anton died and his property was willed over to his wife, Mary. Later she turned the land over to her son William H. Alkofer for a dollar. He continued to farm the land until 1945 when John H. and Majorie M. Visto purchased the land from the Federal Land Bank. Today it's known as Visto Farms with John, Marshall and Marvin as partners.

John H. was born January 15, 1914, at Gackle, North Dakota, to Henry Kvisto (later changed to Visto) and Kristina Jokela, who both were born in Finland. Henry came to the United Stated in 1889, at the age of eighteen years. Kristina came to the United States in 1904 and they both had settled at Gackle, N.D. They were married in 1907 at Aberdeen, South Dakota. To this union were born six sons and four daughters, Werner, Hecla, S.D.; Alex, Ludden, N.D. deceased: John, Guelph, N.D.; Eino, Oakes, N.D.; Everett, Salem, Oregon; Ernest, Christine, N.D.; Siiri (Mrs. Wm. Jacobson), San Mateo, Calif.; Hilda (Mrs. Frank Louma), Ludden, N.D.; Edith, California; a daughter died in infancy.

The Visto family moved from Gackle, N.D. to a farm southeast of Ludden in Lovell township, in 1930. They resided there until they passed away leaving the farming to Werner and Alex Visto.

John H. married Marjorie Claeys of Hecla, South Dakota, February 19,1941. Marjorie was born to Augustine and Augusta Dalle Claeys, February 8, 1922, at Brugge, Belgium. Her parents were also born in Belgium. Marjorie has a twin sister Margaret, Mrs. Wayne Thorpe, Hecla, South Dakota, and a brother, Marshall Claeys also of Hecla. She has two step sisters, Martha (Mrs. John Jelen) Minneota, Minnesota; Clara, Whittier, California, and a step brother, Julius, deceased. Marjorie's parents, Augustine and Augusta Claeys, and their children came to the United States upon the Queen Mary, and arrived in New York, August 20, 1926. September 4 of the same year, they settled on a farm east of Hecla, South Dakota. Augustine passed away in 1940. Augusta, at the ripe age of 89 still lives alone in Hecla, South Dakota.

John and Marjorie have two sons and two daughters. Marshall, married to Mona Buttke of Crete, N.D., November 23, 1963, and to this union four children were born. Marvin, married to Jane Ackerman of Fullerton, N.D., on November 28, 1970; they have two children. Diane, married Wesley Orr of Spearfish, South Dakota, February 27, 1965. They live at Ennis, Montana, and have 2 sons. Edith, married D.J. Davis of Aberdeen, South Dakota, January of 1973. They live in El Paso, Texas and have two children.

John and Marjorie have continued to farm with their sons. Marshall and Marvin are in partnership with their dad on the family farm. John has retired now and they spend the winter months at Brownsville, Texas, where they own a mobile home. They enjoy the warm weather, and he can fish whenever he pleases.

MARSHALL AND MONA VISTO

Marshall, J. Visto was born at Oakes, North Dakota, January 6, 1942, to John and Marjorie Claeys Visto. His childhood years were spent on different farms in the Oakes area. In 1945, his parents moved to the Henry Alkofer farm near Guelph, N.D., where today he's in partnership with his dad and brother, Marvin on the family farm. He has a sister, Diane, born May 21, 1943, and married to Wesley Orr, at Ennis, Montana. A sister, Edith, born June 23, 1944, married to D.J. Davis at El Paso, Texas. A brother, Marvin, born January 10, 1949, married to Jane Ackerman, at home on the family farm.

Marshall is a 1960 graduate of the Guelph High School and received a year of diesel mechanics at the State School of Science, Wahpeton, N.D.

On November 23, 1963, he was united in marriage to Mona Buttke of Crete, N.D. They were married at the St. Anthony's Catholic Church of Hecla, South Dakota. To this union, four children were born: Michele Rae, born June 8, 1964, deceased at the age of four years as a result of a farm accident; Marty Rae, born April 6, 1966, Melissa Rae, born February 9, 1969; Michael Ray, born March 11, 1970. The children are all students of the Oakes School.

Mona Buttke Visto was born January 12, 1944, at Oakes, N.D. to Keith and Violet Pedersen Buttke of Crete, N.D. Mona was a student of the Crete School until its consolidation with Oakes in 1959. She graduated from Oakes High School in 1961. The next 2 years she worked as a secretary, bookkeeper for a gas company in Oakes and Jamestown, N.D. Mona has three brothers, Kent, born November 23, 1948, deceased at the age of eighteen years from car asphyxiation while hunting. Wade, born March 16, 1949, married Cindy Honl, lives at Mayville-Portland, N.D. Brad, born October 5, 1964, still living at home.

Marshall was seriously hurt in a pickup accident in January 1976, and is confined to a wheelchair. He has kept active, having served on the Port Emma Township board since 1971 and the Oakes School Board since 1977, the last three years as acting president. Marshall is also a board member for the Sheyenne Valley Special Education Unit at Valley City, N.D. The special education unit is designed to help educate all of our "special kyds" in the school districts with trained teachers. The "special kyds" whether mental or physically handicapped receive their education through our schools, a system called mainstreaming.

MARVIN AND JANE VISTO

Marvin Visto, son of John and Marjorie Visto, married Jane Ackerman in November 1970. In March of 1971, they occupied the former Albert Young farmstead and remained in residence there until August of 1976, when they moved into a farmhouse built by his parents on the main farm site.

They have two children, Chandel and Kristopher. Marvin is engaged in farming, ranching, and a new business venture, Oakes Satellite Systems.

Both Marvin and Jane appreciate the wonderful friends, opportunities, and quality of life which are the componets of a unique and special community, Guelph.

REVEREND WERNER AND SAIMA VISTO

Reverend Visto was born in Gackle, N.D., May 31, 1909, the son of Henry and Kristina Visto. He and his brother, Alex, farmed together on a farm in Port Emma Township (NE¼ of Sec. 27). On Sept. 10, 1965, Reverend Visto married Saima Okkonen, daughter of Jakko and Johanna Okkonen of Rautio, Finland. About 1970, they quit farming and moved to Hecla, S.D., where they now reside. Reverend Visto serves as pastor of the Stateline Apostolic Lutheran Church. He has 5 brothers: Alex (deceased), John of Guelph, Eino of Oakes, Everett of Salem, Ore., and Ernest of Christine, N.D. and 3 sisters: Siiri Jacobson of San Mateo, Calif., Edetha Speceal of San Leandro, Calif., and Hilda Luoma of Ludden, N.D.

Mrs. Visto has 9 brothers and sisters, all living in Finland except Elsa Tervo, who lives in El Cerito, Calif.

MEMORIES OF THE FRED VOIGHTMAN FAMILY



The Voightman Family - Oct. 1929: Sadie holding 7 month old Lynn, Fred and Maralee, Lovice and Fredetta.

In March 1929, Fred, Sadie, and their three little girls moved to their new home in Ludden, now owned by the Vern Doty's. It must have been very hectic for the folks especially since Lynn was born in May, 1929, and there was much remodeling to be done. We girls loved the idea of living in town and going to a new, bigger school and only one block from home, which meant no more lunch pails! We could go home for lunch.

Dad was elected Supervisor (later called Mayor) of Ludden in 1930; a position he held until 1943. Mother was village clerk from 1938 through 1943. During those very busy years, (now I wonder how they did it) living conditions were improved for the Ludden citizens. As head of the Village Board, Dad encouraged the board members to buy bigger light plants (generators) so that all residents could enjoy electricity. They purchased two large Fairbanks Morse diesel generators and he built a building on main Street to house them. He was hired as maintenance man of the plants for $15 per month. Not much salary but it helped buy groceries during the depression. Dad managed to take care of the light plants, be Mayor and farm too, which included threshing for most of the farmers in the immediate area. We girls helped Mom feed the crew, like breakfast at 4 a.m.! Ugh! The bundle haulers were primarlily local farmers working in exchange for getting their grain threshed. It worked out very well for all concerned.

Running water in every home was another need in Ludden, so the men of the community dug the artesian well pipes six feet deep and to every house in town plus installing several overflows for watering stock on various edges of town. What a help to those ladies who had carried water for so long.

Two other big happenings in Ludden which are etched on my mind was first, the fire which destroyed our school house. That building was a landmark, having been built in 1887. The 1932 fire also burned a most beautiful pump organ which the men couldn't get out of the building. They did, however, save most of the desks and books and we finished school that year in anything but ideal conditions by using the Ludden Hall. In 1933-34, the new school was finished. I graduated in 1934 from the new building which is still standing on the same grounds.

The second disaster was the fire which burned the two story depot. That's right, two stories; the upper area was a lovely apartment for the agent and his family. Noisy but convenient. To replace the building, and old railroad car was put down on that spot as a depot.

Many learning experiences were made available to the young people of Ludden due to the efforts of our elders. Sunday School was often held in our living room with Ellen Jumisko as Superintendent. Our 4-H Club was led by Mrs. Harry Young and later by Mrs. Carl Simmons. We had super teacher; especially Alice Willey, a family friend who later married a home town boy, Harold Mingus. Mother must be added to this list for her many activities helped provide us with a base to grow on. She was active in the Ludden Booster Club, which later became the Ludden Homemakers Club; the LCCA (a group orgnaized to build and maintain the Ludden Hall) and the Ludden Band in which she played as well as Fredetta and I. She also found time to work as the Assistant Postmistress under Agnes Randall.

This era was not exactly the homestead days but our parents all worked long hours to get us through the depression with as little pain as possible and they did it.

Maralee attended the NI and taught in the Port Emma school near the Perry Pederson farm where she roomed. Later she moved to Florida where she still resides.

Fredetta was a Secretary-Stenographer, working in Florida, married and now lives in New York.

Lynn married Ruby Ann Tosh in 1951. They have three children, Steven, Loren, and Loretta. Lynn farms the farm in Port Emma township where the folks had lived from 1943 until 1952 when, upon retirement, they moved to Oakes.

I was a beautician, married Lloyd Albers and for six years lived on what is now the Raymond Burkhardt

farm. LaVonne, our daughter, started school in Guelph and LaMont, our son, was born in 1947 while we lived in Guelph.

In 1950 the Albers moved to their present farm near Oakes but we will always have fond memories of the Ludden and Guelph area people.



The Burkhardt farm in 1945 when Lloyd Albers' lived there.



The Lloyd Albers family in 1948.

CLINT AND EMMA VON ESCHEN

Emma, the daughter of Robert Edward and Electa Waite Howard, was born on a farm in Elden township, Sept. 17, 1892. She spent most of her childhood in Ludden until she finished school there; then she enrolled in the State Normal School in Ellendale. Emma says she remembers that as a child she rode the stage from Ludden to Ellendale and would visit her uncle and aunt there and stay overnight with them, then return to Ludden on the stage that day.



Standing is Roderick, his wife Marie, and Muriel Howard. Seated is Emma Von Eschen. Photo taken in Sept. 1982.

Emma married Clinton Von Eschen in Fargo, N.D., July 26, 1911. Clinton was born in Lemon, S.D. in 1886. Emma and Clinton lived in Fargo where Clinton had a job with Union Light and Power Co., trimming Street arc lights. Two children were born to them while in Fargo: Lucille, born April 22, 1912 and Roderick, May 26, 1913. They all moved to Guelph in 1925 where the children attended school and Clint and Emma worked at various jobs.

In 1936, Clint and Emma moved to Los Angeles, where they found work with Western Loan and Building. Emma managed an apartment complex and Clint did painting and repair work. Later Emma worked for Capitol Records in Hollywood and Vine. After a long illness, Clint passed away in 1956 and is buried in Forest Lawn.

Emma returned to Ellendale and worked in the courthouse for several years. She purchased a home east of the court house where she enjoyed entertaining her many friends. In spite of difficulties, she has been able to laugh and cheer those whom she came in contact with. She had the misfortune of fracturing her hip and then was no longer able to care for herself. She is a resident of the Ellendale Nursing Center.

Lucille and husband Walter Schroeder lived in Glendale, Calif. area until 1976, then moved to Sacramento to retire. Their children, Patricia, James and Victoria and 9 grandchildren live within one day's drive of the Schroeder's.

Roderick and wife Marie lived in Glendale, Calif., until recently when they moved to Carroll, Iowa, where most of her famiy live. They are very happy with their move. They have no children.

JACOB & MARY LOU WAGNER



Jacob and Mary Lou Wagner

Jacob Wagner, son of Horatio and Elizabeth Wagner, was born in Leaf River, Illinois in 1868. In 1893 he married Mary Lou Stanley, who was born in 1870 in West Virginia, near Harper's Ferry.

Six daughters were born as a result of this union, Winnie in 1896, Ruth in 1898, twins, Wava (deceased) and Wanda in 1901, all born in Illinois. In 1903 the family moved to a farm near Emery, South Dakota, where they lived until moving to Guelph in 1906. They first lived in the house located a short distance to the west of where Grover Howard had his general store and James Wallace his hardware store. Mildred, born in 1908, was born in that house. Thereafter they lived on a farm northwest of Guelph, where the last daughter, Naomi (deceased) was born in 1914. Shortly thereafter, the family moved to the house they last occupied, located near the Farmer's Elevator in Guelph.

Jake farmed all his life and was one of the few farmers who used the sometimes balky Missouri mules. Jake told the story of building a fire under two of his mules, to try to get them to pull a wagon. He claimed they pulled it a few feet, just enough to get the wagon over the fire, whereupon the wagon burned to the ground. His family claims this was one of Jake's tall tales, but to the day he died he maintained it was the truth. Jake died in 1944 as the result of a farm accident. Mary Lou lived until June, 1963, when she died at the age of 93.

Mary Lou Wagner served the Guelph community for many years as a midwife, delivering many babies in the Guelph area before doctors were so generally available. She also served on the Guelph School Board for many years and was an active member in the Methodist Church and Ladies Aid.

AMOS AND SADIE WAITE

By Roland Waite

Amos Waite, son of William and Elizabeth Waite, was born in Drayton, Ontario, Canada, April 26, 1871. He received his early education in the schools of Canada.



Amos and Sadie Waite

In 1887, he came to the United States and walked from Oakes to the farm house of his oldest brother, J.S. Waite, southwest of Guelph. Later, he bought a farm in Ada township on N.E. ¼ 25-129-61 and built a beautiful home there. He was a successful farmer.

In 1907, he married Miss Sadie Myrum of Aberdeen who was teaching school in the area. Amos and Sadie continued to farm. However, in August of 1912, a fire of unknown origin burned down their barn. Along with the barn were burned his automobile, a buggy, several sets of harness, a plow, a sled, some tools, and 200 chickens. Only the barn was partially insured, and the rest a total loss. But, Amos was soon to haul lumber and construct himself a new barn, and by later September had purchased a fine new Overland. Later, he became a Buick lover and had several of the sedans over the years.

In June of 1915, he had purchased lots east of the Carl Swanson residence and commenced getting them ready to build one of the finest and most modern homes in the vicinity. In December of 1914,he and Sadie had gone to California for the winter, and Amos bought some lots in then Long Beach area. I'm not sure when he sold his farm, but he was in his new bungalow in Guelph in 1916 and farmed the quarter across the road to the west for many years.

He later built an apartment house on his lots in Long Beach, CA, and would come back each spring and put in the crop. In his travels, he spent about 10 winters in California and one or more in Florida. Somewhere along the line, he and Sadie parted.

In his early sixties, he became ill, and, by wish, he was cared for by his nephew and nephew's wife, Ken and Louise Waite who came to live in his home.

He seemed remarkably courageous and appreciative during his trying illness, and several times said the kind deeds and thoughtful consideration of his loved ones and friends helped very much to alleviate the pain that was with him so much during the last months. It was a comfort to him during his sickness to talk of spiritual matters and the promises of the Bible. He died Feb. 27, 1938. He was a member of the Guelph Methodist Church which he faithfully supported until the time of his death.

CARROLL AND ELLA WAITE



Debra, Ella, Dawn, Carroll and David

Carroll Waite was born April 9, 1930, to Waldon and Mary (Burkhardt) Waite of Guelph. He grew up in the Guelph community, went to rural school in Ada Township and graduated from Guelph High School in 1948. Carroll and his father farmed together until his marriage.

Carroll married Ella Steinwand of Ellendale, N.D. on November 22, 1951. They lived with his parents, then moved on the Clint Von Eschen farm, on the SW¼ of Sec. 35-130-61, which they bought. There they lived for 13 years, then moved to the Jim Andersen farm located in the center of the E½ of Sec. 3-129-61. Carroll and Ella and family lived there for a little over 10 years when they built a home on his mother's farm.

They have four children. Denise, born January 25, 1953, married Frederic Just June 24, 1972. Debra, born May 5, 1954, married Roger Peters on September 29, 1972. Dawn, born July 22, 1956, is now living in St. Paul, Mn. David, born Nov. 22, 1964, graduated from Oakes High School in 1983. He raises sheep and farms with his father. He will be entering the Marine Corp this fall.

Ella has been Teacher's Aid of the 5th and 6th grades at Guelph for 12 years. Carroll was substitute mail carrier for Burton Botts on the Guelph-Ludden route for about 15 years and now is the current carrier.

CLENDON & LOUISE WAITE

Clendon, son of Sylvanus and Rosanna Waite, was born on a farm near Guelph, Oct. 10, 1897. He attended rural Port Emma School #2. He assisted his father with farming operations. August 25, 1926, he married Louise Hauser, daughter of William and Alice Hauser, who were living in the Guelph area. After they were married, they lived with Clendon's Uncle Amos in Guelph in the house now occupied by the John Maddock's.



Clendon and Louise Waite

In 1927 Clendon bought the old bank building and moved it to the west side of main street and opened up a grocery store in it. In 1937 the store burned down. Clendon and Louise were undecided as to what to do. They were caring for his Uncle Amos, who was ill with cancer. He passed away in Feb. of 1938. Louise's sister-in-law, Mrs. Paul Hauser, kept writing and urging them to come to Michigan, where they were, as there were several factories opening up. Finally in November of 1938, they made the move. Ken found work and was never laid off all the while they were there. They missed their relatives and friends in the Guelph area. As long as Clendon's father lived, they came back every year for a visit. Clendon loved the state of his birth much.

They had 2 sons and 2 daughters. Delores, born July 26, 1929, married Charles Lee Simpson. They have a son Stephen, who is married and they have a son.

Marlene, born Aug. 20, 1933, married Jerry Waller. They both teach in Berea College in Berea, Ky. Marlene has a Master's degree in nursing.

Clendon, Jr., born Nov. 7, 1934, is married, and they have 2 daughters, Sarah and Becky. He works for the state on computers and programming in the education department. They live in his parents' home.

Lanning is married. They have 3 boys. Lanning teaches 5 classes of math and does counseling. He has a Master's degree in both of these. They live in Midland, Mich.

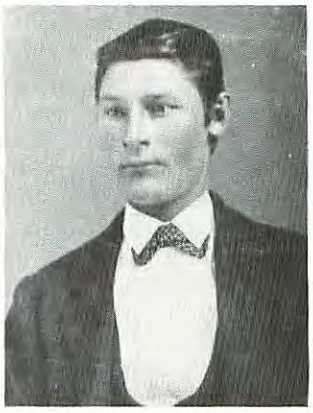
Clendon, Sr. passed away in April of 1967. Louise has a mobile home moved in on their lot. She lives in this, which is in Ovid, Mich.

DAWN LOREE WAITE

I am the third daughter of Mr. and Mrs.Carroll Waite of Guelph. I was born July 22, 1956, in Aberdeen, S.D. I grew up in the Guelph community and lived and helped with my parents farm. After graduation from Oakes High School in 1974 I enlisted in the U.S. Army and was sent to Ft. Jackson, South Carolina for Basic Training. After Basic, I was sent to Ft. Lee, Virginia, to train as a cook and then was stationed at Ft. Steward in Georgia where I worked for an engineering unit. In August, 1975, I received an honorable discharge and moved to Virginia where I worked and lived in Shenandoah

National Park in the Blue Ridge Mountains. Since then, I have lived and worked in Ohio, near Cleveland, where I also attended Lakeland Community College for 2 years. In 1979 I moved back to the Dakotas and worked for an Art and Drafting Supply store in Fargo. At the present, I am now living in St. Paul, Minnesota, where I have been employed with the University of Minnesota for the past 1½ years. I work in the food service department on the St. Paul campus.

GEORGE WAITE



John George Waite



Rachel Waite

James Butterworth, the great grandfather of George Waite on his mother's side, came from Rothsdale, Lampshire, England, to Ottawa, Quebec, Canada. George Waite's grandfather on his father's side was born in Boston, Massachusetts, and moved to Coburn, Quebec, Canada, where he married Elizabeth Butterworth.

Elizabeth Butterworth Waite died in Drayton, Ontario, Canada, about 1888 and William Waite died in San Diego, California, about 1905.

George Waite was born in Drayton, Ontario, Canada, April 25, 1859. When he was 17 years old, he went to Grand Rapids, Michigan. Here he worked in a lumber mill for a man by the name of Houck for $26.00 per month and board, but Houck failed to pay him his wages, so Mr. Waite quit the job. Then he went to work for Fox & Austerhouse at Summit, Michigan, piling lumber at $26.00 per month and board. After working here for some time, he went back to Rothsay, Ontario, Canada.

On March 20, 1883, George Waite was married to Jennie Stevenson. They arrived in Ellendale, Dakota Territory, on March 24, 1883, having ridden on a passenger train for three days and three nights. Mr. Waite came here for the purpose of acquiring land and to start farming. They squatted on a homestead and also filed on a tree claim and pre-emption, making 480 acres in all. They moved on the pre-emption and built a sod house about March, 1883. This pre-emption was located on the NE¼ of Sec. 10-129-61, Ada Township, Dickey County. The first year, Mr. Waite broke about 20 acres of land with a pair of oxen. During these early years, Mr. Waite carried all of his groceries on his back from Ellendale. In 1884, crops were good with wheat 22 bushels to the acre and oats 35 bushels to the acre. Mr. Waite farmed this land from 1883 to 1910.

On January 17, 1886, Jennie Waite died in childbirth. The baby's name was Nettie Waite.

A steamboat came up the James River from Columbia, Dakota Territory at Port Emma which was located about 1 mile north of the present town of Ludden, North Dakota. The name of the steamboat was "Nettie Baldwin" and was owned by a man in Columbia. This boat carried freight, mail and passengers. Mr. Waite's first daughter by his first marriage was named "Nettie" after the steamboat.

In the spring of 1887, George Waite went back to Wisconsin and Michigan for a visit. While in Portage, Wisconsin, he married Rachel Waite on August 26, 1887. George Waite and Rachel Waite were first cousins.

Rachel, the daughter of Andrew and Mary Jane (Smith) Waite, was born in Portage City, Wisconsin, August 7, 1861. Her parents were both born in England. Rachel's mother died when Rachel was 4 years old. Since they lived on a farm, Rachel attended a district school until she was 13 years old and passed the 8th grade. Then she quit school and kept house for her father and two sisters.

After George and Rachel were married, they came back to North Dakota to his homestead. When she saw the place they were to live in, she could not believe that people could live in such places. She and her husband fixed the shack up as well as they could. They made rustic chairs out of small trees and also tables and bunks to sleep in. She had a small cast iron stove to cook on and used cow chips, hay, and wood for fuel. The mattress on their bed was made of corn husks and straw. The roof of the shack was made of tar paper and when it would rain, the roof leaked. They would have to move the bedding onto the floor where there wasn't a leak and slepp there. They had no money to repair the house and could not buy many of the things they needed. Clothes were very scarce and they would wash out the children's clothes at night because they had no change. Rachel got to town only once or twice a year. In her spare time, she would knit socks and mittens for the family.

Mr. Waite remembers that Silas R. Dales ran a store which sold coal, lumber and general merchandise in Guelph from 1894 to 1904. Silas Dales was also the first post master in Guelph. Mr. Walker ran a store in Port Emma which was a general merchandise store, cafe, and post office combined. This store-keeper was killed in a single horse cart. The cart struck a stone and threw him out and broke his neck.

On July 4th about 1888, there was a big celebration at Guelph, N.D. Myron Puffer and Silas Dales had each built a dance bowery. Mr. Puffer hired the Ellendale brass band to furnish the music, but a dust and wind storm came up and destroyed the Puffer dance bower. Dan Murray was killed at this celebration in a horse race. This broke up the celebration for that day.

About June, 1888, there was a big public wedding at The Wm. Barnes farm which George Waite attended. The farm was in Port Emma Township on the west side of the James River. The couple married was Professor H.F. Eaton's oldest daughter and William Barnes. Mr.

Eaton ran the Eaton Post Office and store. There were at least 500 people at this wedding. There was a bowery dance. The wedding guests donated 50¢ each as a gift to the bride and groom.

In June, 1890, Mr. Waite attended a barn building bee of neighbors of William Barnes. Mr. Waite and the neighbors went to the Barnes place to build a barn for him. There was about 100 men and Mr. Barnes furnished the eats and beer to all of them. There were many women and children there, also. There was a surplus amount of beer and the men all got intoxicated and did not even get started to build the barn, but they had a good time. About a week afterwards, the same men went over and built the barn, but they had no beer this time. The barn was about 150 feet square and was the largest barn in the country.

In 1910, Mr. Waite and his wife moved to Ellendale, North Dakota. He followed the well digging and threshing business for 5 years. In 1915, he moved to Guelph, North Dakota and ran a feed mill there for about 6 years. In 1921, Mr. and Mrs. Waite moved back to Ellendale and for the next 13 years he worked for the city on the streets and pipe lines. Mr. Waite retired in 1934.

The names of some of the early settlers that Mr. Waite remembers are: Charley Foster, Mads Peterson, John Higgs, George Coyle, James Gamble, John Landerkin, B.F. Martin, Sylvanus Waite, Amos Waite, Wm. Henry Waite, George White, Emanuel Golden and James Brockway.

Rachel died in January of 1940 and George died in April of 1940.

They had four children: Mrs. Joey Bartels and Mrs. Violet Smith, both of Ellendale, Wilfred (deceased) and Lillian who married William Scheffert of LeCenter, Minnesota. Lillian and William farmed in the Guelph and Ludden area. They had eight children, several of whom live in this area: Harry, Benjamin, Genevieve (Mrs. Leslie Baker) all of Guelph, Hattie (Mrs. Gus Young, deceased), Edna (Mrs. Clarence Weaver) of Loon Lake, Washington, Frances (Mrs. DeBlanc de la Houssaye of Crowley, La.), Irene (Mrs. Louis Wohlgemuth of Union City, Ca.) and Chester of LeCenter, Minn.

MAYLON WAITE

By Maylon Waite

I am the son of Sylvanus and Rosannna (Podesta) Waite and was born May 19, 1899, on the Waite farm near Guelph. I left the farm in 1925 and went with Ellen to reside in Guelph. The Cafe was up for sale, and I decided to invest $500 and start up in business. The first year my receipts added up to $10,000. I had made enough to buy a player piano and an electric plant that may still be in the basement in the home that Amos built. Waldon climbed the poles and put the wires across the tracks so I had electricity in the Cafe.

After about 5 years, I became converted, and wanted to have my high school, as I had stopped at 7th grade. I heard of a school in Chicago where I could go to school in the a.m. and work in the p.m. I finished my 8th grade through the American School of



Maylon Waite

Correspondence while working at my high school. I was doing pretty well paying my way, so I stayed on two more years taking some courses that I thought would help me some, making the total equal to about 2 years of college. That seemed to be the best that I could do, so I got married in 1932 to Mary Viola Vennard. She was the daughter of the President of Chicago Evangelistic College, which today has moved to University Park, Iowa, and has been renamed Vennard College.

In 1935, Marylou Marie was born, and it was necessary for me to find a new and better kind of work--which I found at Olson Transportation from which I retired in 1962 and came to Ovid where my brother Ken lived. In the meantime, two granddaughters were born: Sheila, now married in October at 25 to James Hall; Sharon, now 15, at home.

My wife, Mary, passing away at age 78, Jan. 24, 1982, had taken up kindergarten work and taught in S.S. Schools constantly as long as she was physically able. We both belonged to one of the finest Methodist churches in the land for over 30 years, where money wasn't a problem. They loved to give. I had a men's class for many years that averaged 55 men.

My daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Voigt and Sharon live in Geneva, Illinois. I have now lived 20 years in Ovid in retirement.

"ARCHIE" ROLAND & KAREN WAITE FAMILY

Roland, son of Roy and Olga Waite, was born on his Dad's farm NW¼ 12-129-61, March 7, 1920. His mother died when he was 2½ years old so he was taken in by his Grandmother, Ellen and Grandfather, Sylvanus, at Guelph. He grew there in Guelph's hey-day in size and vigor. Since there were no brothers or sisters to play with, he spent much time with the neighbor children. A favorite spot was at Schwartings. They had a Rosalie who was a bit older and Frank a bit younger, as well as



Left to right: Back row - Barbara Kohl (fiance of Jim), Jim, Ron, Dean and Rhonda Reese; Middle row - Karen and Roland; Front row - Elaine and Sandy

other family members who were to influence his life. One result was acquiring a nickname, Archie, which his uncle Ken dubbed him. This came from the comic strip above Maggie and Jiggs in Bringing Up Father. Above this strip was Rosie's beau and her beau was named Archie, thus his association with Rosalie and the resultant nickname.

In his freshman year at Guelph High, his father and new stepmother made the decision to move to the old Waite farm SW¼ 7-129-60. There he learned about farming with horses, milking cows, and the rigors of farm chores. Getting the 3 miles to school meant riding either a bicycle or horse back on Oscar sans saddle. Oscar was sort of a dual purpose horse. You could ride him or work him in the field.

During the work years on the farm he became acquainted with several hired men - John Kilchenmann, Miles White, Adam and Casper Weidenbach, Henry Nickolai, and Henry Hendrickson, and Wayne Wentzel.

After graduating from high school, in a class of 7, in 1938, he decided to go to college at the State Normal Industrial School at Ellendale. During these years he commuted (except for winter months) daily with his '29 Model A Ford Coupe which his Dad bought for him, at the Ed Neuman Estate sale, for $50.00. Many times he was to be tardy for 8:00 class after "herding" that '29 over the washboardy, gravel #11, and would slip into class hopefully unnoticed by Prof. Daddy Ackert who would be involved in a math problem at the blackboard. But Daddy Ackert would turn and say, "Good morning, Roland. How are the roads?"

Roland graduated with a B.A. Degree in 1942 amid rumblings of war only to be whisked into the army via the draft into Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri, and attached to the army Engineers. Fortunately, after basic training he scored high enough in a Code aptitude test to be sent to radio school at Valparaiso, Ind. and became a short wave operator. As a Code operator in A company of the 12th Engineers of the 8th Infantry Battalion he went overseas and saw action in 5 combat zones. He attributes his survival to being in the communications section as the Co. headquarters became badly mauled with high casualties.

After the victory in Europe, he was mustered out by the point system and went to live with his parents at Anaheim, California. Here, he helped his Dad with interior and exterior painting, but each day the prairies seemed to beckon so he returned to North Dakota and began farming a quarter of land on a "shoe string". He worked at the Wayne Wentzel farm for a time and later stayed at his uncle Waldon and Aunt Mary Waite's. He later became acquainted with a neighbor girl, Karen Andersen, who was teaching in Ada Township.

Karen and Archie were married on June 19, 1954, amid friends and relatives at the Methodist Church in Guelph, and moved into the Ellen Waite house in town which he had remodeled then, and since quite extensively. To this union were born 5 children. Rhonda, 4-23-1955; Ron, 11-3-1956; Sandra, 11-24-1957; James, 5-3-1959; and Elaine, 4-7-1961.

Rhonda married Dean Reese (see their story) and reside in Fergus Falls, Minnesota. Ron works for Rockwell International, Collins Div. as a computer aided design engineer. Sandy lives in Fargo, North Dakota, and manages Peck and Peck at West Acres Mall. James completed a 4 year hitch in the navy and is getting initiated into farming with his Dad, and Elaine is finishing her 4th year at college at Fargo-Moorhead and works part-time as a waitress in the Country Kitchen at West Acres Mall.

Roland became Postmaster in 1960 (see post office story) and farms. Karen has been doing an admirable job as homemaker, as well as assisting with farm, chores, and Postal work. She also substitute teaches at the local school if time allows.

They plan on doing what they're doing as long as they are able and are currently looking forward to a new daughter-in-law after the Guelph Centennial.

ROY & OLGA WAITE



Roy and Olga Waite



Roy and Vivian Waite

Francis Roy Waite and Olga Rabe grew up in the Guelph area. Roy was busy on his father's farm in the summers and in the winter he finished his schooling and attended high school at the N.I. at Ellendale.

Olga worked out as domestic help for families in the Guelph area and had occasion to work at the J.S. Waite farm during some busy seasons. She and Roy became acquainted and by 1911, they were dating.

On March 29, 1915, Roy and Olga were married on his father's farm by Rev. J.H. Brown. After the ceremony and wedding supper, they departed for their new home amid a shower of rice and old shoes with the best wishes of their host of friends.

Their new home was the former farm of Roy's uncle, George Waite, on the SW¼ 12-129-61. Roy and Olga continued to farm for about 7 years. During this time a son Harlan was born, but died in infancy. Later a second son Roland was born on March 7, 1920.

Olga died of pneumonia in June, 1922, so Roy gave up the farm and moved to Guelph where his stepmother, Ellen, lived and she devoted her time and strength in rearing her grandson.

Roy went to California for a brief time and returned to North Dakota and his father's farm but continued to commute to Guelph and help Ellen who was ailing. She passed away in 1932 and left another void in the family, but Roy was becoming enamored with a young lady, who was working at his sister's, Mary, and a courtship and marriage were soon to follow. Her name was Vivian Wentzel and they were married at her father's farm in June, 1934.

They lived on the farm. In 1943, after struggling with farm work through 9 years of depression, Roy and Vivian had an auction sale and moved to California seeking an easier way of making a living. That summer Mrs. Allen Withee passed away, and since the Withee's had been close neighbors of the Waite's at Guelph, North Dakota, Mr. Withee invited Roy and Vivian to come to his home in Anaheim, California. They shared the Withee home for 17 years, Roy working at jobs and buying investment properties.

In 1960, Allen Withee's daughter, Hazel and her husband, Glenn Nichols, thought it best for Mr. Withee, who was 97, and his daughter Mary, to move to their home at Bakersfield, California. Mr. Withee passed away there in 1963, lacking 8 months of being 100 years old. Mary passed away in 1967.

After the Withee's moved, Roy and Vivian bought the house and had the last 14 years of their marriage to themselves. Roy passed away in December, 1974. Vivian still lives in the home in Anaheim.

Roy and Vivian never really severed relations with Guelph and Ellendale folks, as they made trips back almost every year to be with son, Roland, and wife, Karen and welcoming each new grandchild and watching them grow.

JAMES SYLVANUS & ROSANNA WAITE

By Grandson, Roland Waite



James Sylvanus Waite

James Sylvanus Waite was born October 25, 1855, in Ontario, Canada. He was the son of William and Elizabeth Butterworth Waite. His father farmed so Sylvanus grew up with the farming in his blood, but there were four younger brothers to help with the farm chores, so he decided to venture out and try his fortune elsewhere. He immigrated into Michigan and worked in the lumber camps for a time. While there, he began hearing stories of the Homestead Act and the settling of the Dakotas. He came to Ellendale, Dakota Territory, and homesteaded in Port Emma Township. When he was 28 years old, he filed his claim on SW¼ of Sec. 7-129-60 on June 27, 1883. He built a 20' x 20' shanty from rough lumber which was not lined. It was full of cracks and knot holes, so it was hard to heat. Rough twisted hay and buffalo chips were the main sources of fuel.

Sylvanus worked at odd jobs and eventually he and his brother, George, who homesteaded in Ada Township teamed up and dug and stone curbed many wells in the Guelph and Ellendale areas. For this he



Rosanna (Podesta) Waite

received $1.00 to $1.50 a day. He had to walk to Ellendale (or maybe I should say run as he did that well into his 70's), a distance of twelve miles to purchase supplies. He would carry them home on his back and ford the Maple River on his way.

I have in my possession a letter from Sylvanus's father written in 1886 in which he scolded his sons. "We were very much surprised when William Hodge came home, he put Dakota down to the lowest notch. He brought home very bad news for his mother about the country and about George and about you digging wells. We are very much troubled about you digging wells. I think you might do without that job. You know you have been near being killed three or four times and what good will your money do you after you are killed? You might do with less money. We fear to hear from there that you are killed or hurt. It would kill mother to hear such news so I advise you to quit without further notice." This could have been the turning point, for Sylvanus soon received $300.00 from his father in Canada and decided to quit well digging and start farming.

He went to Ellendale and made a hundred dollar down payment on 2 oxen; one red colored, brass knobs on horns, 7 years old and weighed about 1500 lbs. and the other a roan colored ox with brass knobs on horns, 7 years old, weight about 1500 lbs. Interest until due at 6% and after maturity at 12%. Dated 2-1-1886.

He also purchased a single bottom sod breaker plow to put behind his oxen. He would plow all day and in the evening would broadcast a half bushel of flax over the fresh plowing. The wind and the rain scattered and covered the seed for germination. It was not known how the first crop was harvested, but he later acquired a wire tie binder. His neighbor, Allen Withee, and several others owned a horsepower thresher which they used for custom threshing.

By 1887, Sylvanus had accumulated enough money to go to town with the oxen and get enough lumber to build a house on the farm (this building still stands but barely). The main part of the house was used for living quarters and the north lean-to was used to store grain for several years. Many of the homesteaders gave up on the tough existence and sold their claims for $300.00 to $500.00 which allowed the "diehards" to expand their farming operations.

Sylvanus had been writing letters to a young lady he met once at a flax pulling bee in Canada. He kept hinting for her to come to Dakota and cook for him. She finally pinned him down to a proposal and in March, 1889, he went to Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, where she was employed and brought her (Rosanna) back to the Dakota prairie.

By 1891, he had acquired six ponies, as well as a header and header box to be used at harvest. Rosanna drove the header box team and kept the headings away from the spout while her infant son, Roy, sat bouncing in the corner.

Prior to 1910 there were years of drouth. During the Cleveland administration, wheat was 37¢ a bushel. Sylvanus plunged ahead and added cattle and milk cows to his operation. The home churned butter, was packed in 50 lbs. tubs and shipped to Minneapolis.

They had five children. Francis Roy, born March 29, 1891; William Waldon, July 13, 1896; Clendon Stephen, October 10, 1897; George Maylon, May 19, 1899 and Mary Ellen on January 31, 1901. Rosanna died of pneumonia on February 19, 1910. Two years later Sylvanus married Ellen Stephenson, a widow and first cousin of Rosanna, who had gone to the Waite farm to do housekeeping chores and help raise the children. Sylvanus and Ellen continued life on the farm until 1925 when they moved to Guelph to the bungalow home built by Amos Waite and later into the Frank Dennison home where grandson, Roland, now resides. I suspect this move might have been prompted by their grandson, Roland, whose mother had died in 1922 and they had decided to include him in their household along with his Dad who was farming Sylvanus's farm. This arrangement was maintained until Grandma Ellen's death in 1932.

Sylvanus continued to commute to the farm and oversee and help with the farming operation until 1942 when he retired and went to live at times with each of his children and sometimes batching in the Waite house in Guelph during the summer.

Sylvanus was one of those hardy pioneers of Guelph who served on various boards. He was a charter member of Guelph Farmers Elevator and served on the board of directors for many years. He was also active in the Guelph Telephone Company.

His white beard which he started to let grow when he was 35 was nearly always shaped and had no tobacco stains. Grandpa Waite dressed rather scantily in cold weather but found it bearable if he had on his "ear lapper" cap and a red bandanna around his neck and a leather belt buckled tightly around his waist "to keep the draft out". I suspect he dressed that way so it wouldn't interfere with his running which he was noted for in his daily pursuits and chores. His memorable saying upon hearing distressing news or encountering any set backs was "Judas--that's hell again".

He was lean and a staunch Republican. He kept alert and active and abreast of events by reading the daily paper with the aid of his trusty reading glasses until the end of his days. He died in Valley City where he spent time with his daughter, Mary. It was October 21, 1952, just a few days short of his 97th birthday.

WALDON AND MARY WAITE



Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Waldon Waite and son Carroll, age 10.

William Waldon, son of James Sylvanus and Rosanna (Podesta) Waite was born July 13, 1896, on a farm three miles southwest of Guelph, N.D.

He enjoyed sports such as baseball, fishing, also enjoyed music and played a cornet, accordian, and harmonica and played in the Guelph Band.

Mary Burkhardt, daughter of Nick and Mary Burkhardt, was born on a farm near Brighton, Iowa. At age thirteen she moved with her parents, brothers and sisters to a farm eight miles southwest of Guelph, North Dakota. She attended country school in Ada township through the 8th grade, attended one term at Ellendale Normal College, got a job teaching country school in Ada township two years. Later she went to keeping house for her brother Joe Burkhardt. While there, she met Waldon and kept company for 10 years.

Mary say on November 4, 1925, we were married at a country Episcopal Church, and we continued to live with Joe. I helped Joe with milking cows, raised chickens, ducks, and turkeys. Waldon got a job patroling and mowing roads with horses for a small wage in Port Emma township and continued working on the farm with his father and brothers. Due to poor health, Joe sold his farm. Then we got our own farm through help from Waldon's father and my brothers ten miles east of Ellendale, N.D. Joe came to live with us then; later he spent the winters in Texas. He passed away in 1956.

Roland Waite also stayed with us for a while, and grandpa Waite, Waldon's father, celebrated his 95th birthday at our home.

Waldon passed away in 1964. I continued to live on the farm until I had the misfortune to fall and break my hip. After leaving the hospital, I came to live with my son, Carroll Waite and his family.

HARVEY & SHARON WALETZKO



The Harvey Waletzko Family

Sharon, the daughter of Keith and Shirley (Courtney) Bymers was born March 23, 1941, in Aberdeen, S.D. Her father was killed in a motorcycle accident when she was about 3 years old. She attended school in Guelph and graduated from high school there in 1959. June 25, 1960, she married Harvey Waletzko in Oakes. He is the son of Stanley and Esther (Muffle) Waletzko and was born June 17, 1938, in Britton, S.D. He graduated from Oakes High School in 1956 and Northern State College of Aberdeen in 1962.

Sharon and Harvey live in Monte Sereno, Ca. near San Jose. They have 2 children, Craig, age 18 and daughter Cory, age 10. Son, Craig is a student at Carnegie-Mellon University in Pennsylvania, majoring in Music Theater. He is an accomplished singer-dancer-actor, having won several awards and talent competitions in California. Daughter, Cory, is following the same path performing with local theater groups and studying voice and dance. She also has done TV commercials and modeling.

Harvey has been in the aerospace business for 20 years. They have lived in Washington, D.C., Denver, Colo., San Jose, Ca., and 2 assignments in Australia.

Family interests include skiing, dirt bikes, and theater. Sharon is an award-winning actress with several local theater groups. For the last three years, she has appeared weekly at a melodrama theater.

Overseas transfers have given them the opportunity to travel to Japan, Thailand, New Zealand, Fifi, Australia, Singapore, and Tahiti.

JOHN AND GENEVA WALKER



John Walker

John and Geneva Walker lived in Ludden for six years where they owned and operated the Ludden Tavern which they purchased from Carl Kilchenmann in Sept. 1946. They built four rooms at the back of the tavern which provided living quarters for them.

John W. Walker was born at Orr, N.D. on June 6, 1904, and Geneva (Brown) Walker was born at Wildrose, N.D. on Nov. 11, 1919. John and Geneva were married at East Grand Forks, Minn. on Nov. 25, 1937.

Two children were born to them: a daughter, Helen (Walker) Barber, and a son Robert. Prior to moving to Ludden the Walkers owned and operated Orr Beer Bar at Orr, N.D. The children attended school at Ludden and Oakes.

In 1952 the Walkers sold the Ludden Tavern and traveled in the western U.S. They visited Bremerton, Wash. where John had worked at the naval shipyards during World War II from 1941-44.

They purchased a home in Port Orchard, Wash. and John worked at the naval shipyards for six years after leaving Ludden. He then got a job with the state of Washington at the Veteran's Home at Retsil, Wash. where he worked until 1952 when he died of a heart attack.

Helen Walker worked for 24 years as a beauty operator, having graduated from beauty school at Bremerton, Wash. in 1955. She worked in a shop for five years before starting the West Bay Beautyette in Port Orchard. She sold her business in 1964 and moved to Ocala, Florida, where her parents had retired in 1961. She worked there for two years, then returned to Bremerton for health reasons and managed a shop for a year.

In 1967 she returned to North Dakota and married an old friend, Sam Holweger. They reside on a farm near Inkster, N.D.

Helen's daughter and her husband live in Port Orchard, Wash. They have a son and a daughter. Her son, Robert, retired in 1978 after 20 years service in the U.S. Air Force. He is married and lived in Knoxville, Tenn. While Robert was in the service he worked in Electronics and was an inspector for the automatic pilot mechanism on the planes. Helen visited her son Robert when he was stationed at Spang Dahlen, Germany. They toured Holland, Belgium, Switzerland and Luxembourg.

Helen and Sam Holweger have visited Ludden several times and always enjoy going back to visit old friends.

JAMES AND MARY E. WALLACE



The James Wallace Family

I, Mary E. Waite was born January 31, 1901, to James Sylvanus and Rose Anna (Podesta) Waite at Guelph, N.D., and was the only girl with 4 brothers, Roy, Waldon, Clendon and Maylon.

James J. Wallace was born to James J. and Catherine (Mahoney) Wallace of Silverleaf on December 19, 1889.

James returned from World War I and we were married and settled in Guelph. We had a Hardware Store, Jesse James Coffee Shop and I became Postmistress in 1933. We raised a family of three, James, Marilyn, and Owen. In August of 1941 we moved to Valley City, N.D. where James, Sr. worked as an Internal Revenue Collector. He became ill and passed away November 16, 1947.

I was employed in various capacities, as clerk and bank teller until retirement on February 1, 1963. I continue to reside in Valley City, N.D. making my home at the Northwood Manor Apartments.

A few of the things I remember when living on the farm, were going to Guelph to Sunday School in the old Puffer hall which was north of the depot. C.C. Williams was the minister and he seemed old and gray but nice. I don't remember who taught our class, but I recall not wanting to miss as we got some kind of pin for perfect attendance. So many times we walked the 3 miles to Guelph so as not to miss. We did have a horse and cart which we used on occasion, but if we went east of our place the horse thought we were going to school and would turn in automatically, and we had a hard time fighting to get him past the school house so we soon learned if we were going to Guelph to go the other way.

I remember the traveling meat wagon of Mr. Herman Lohse, the butcher at Ellendale. He would tour the area farms with his portable scale and wagon full of fresh meat.

We walked to school many times, as it was only a mile east of the Craft school. We didn't always carry our dinners, so on those days when we were dismissed, my brothers and I would run home to dinner. I, being the youngest had to go some to try to keep up with my brothers. Note (This is probably the early training which paid off in the following reported item -**Dickey County Leader** - 6-29-1911. Little Mary Waite won the $1.00 given the little folks in the running race at a Ludden celebration). The ballgame Friday was well attended. Silverleaf won the first game and Guelph the second. A young man from South Dakota won the horse race.

I, also, remember one day at school in balmy weather that the windows were open. Some stray horses were roaming through the school grounds and my brother, Ken, saw them and got out of his desk and jumped out the window to chase them away. Our teacher was Nellie Puffer. She was very upset and for punishment she made my brother stay a while after school. I felt so badly that he was being reprimanded that I stayed after with him in sympathy.

A sad memory to me occurred when I was nine years old, my mother died and they hauled her in her casket to the Ellendale Cemetery with a bobsled. It was February in 1910.

JAMES JAY AND CECELIA MARIE WALLACE



James and Cecelia Wallace

James Jay Wallace, son of James and Mary (Waite) Wallace was born October 20, 1921, at Guelph, N.D. He attended all 12 grades at the Guelph School and graduated in 1939. He attended 2 years at Ellendale Normal and finished a Journalism Degree at University of North Dakota in 1947.

James served 40 months with the Service Army Signal Corps. Thirty months of this was overseas in England, France, Luxemburg, Belgium, and Germany as a Tech Sergeant in World War II. He was, also, head of S.S.D.D. German Code Breaking Department.

June 3, 1947, James married Cecelia Marie Waldie of Marion, N.D., daughter of Clayton and Monica Waldie. They have 4 children, Brian, Jeffrey, Gail and Alan.

Cecelia is employed as a Registered Nurse Night Supervisor at St. Joseph's Hospital in Brainerd.

James was employed one year on the sports staff of the **Fargo Forum**, 3 years editor with the **Jamestown Sun** and the past 31 years as Sports Editor of the **Brainerd Dispatch** and has won the following awards in Minnesota: Football Coaches Hall of Fame; Wrestling Coaches Sportswriting Man of the Year.

Some of the Newspaper Highlights are: "I have had a chance to meet and interview leading sports figures such as Jack Dempsey, Scott Ledoux, boxers. Helen Dettweiler, golfer; Football's Norm Van Brocklin, Bud Grant, Karl Kassulke; Hockey's Glen Resch, Herb Brooks; Auto racers Mark Donahue, Jerry Hansen; Baseball's Rod Carew, Leo Durocher, Bucky Walters and many, many more."

The Omaha Beach visitation by **Brainerd Daily Dispatch** sports editor, Jim Wallace, and his wife Cecelia was noted nationally on NBC TV, which interviewed Wallace about the 35th Anniversary observance of D-Day (6-6-1944) by touring American and Canadian Veterans.

James has 1 sister, Marilyn Anderson of Valley City, and 1 brother, Owen, of Fessenden. Cecelia has 2 sisters, Jean Harr, of West Fargo, Frances Weber, of LaMoure, and 2 brothers Richard (deceased) and Thomas.

MARY (SIGNE) WANTTIE

Mary, the daughter of Walter and Hilda (Nelmark) Wanttie, was born Oct. 24, 1903, at Hecla, S.D. On Nov. 30, 1920, she married Oscar Sylvanne. They farmed near Hecla, S.D. until 1923. Then they moved to a farm two miles east and four miles south of Ludden known as the Charley Kelly farm. They quit farming in 1925 and moved to Orofino, Idaho. Two daughters were born to this marriage: Elna Sylvanne Osborn lives in Marysville, Wash. and Mabel Sylvanne Vilgas lives in Lewiston, Idaho. A son was born to them, too, but he died in infancy.

July 28, 1932, Mary Sylvanne married Charley Williams. They continued to live in Orofino until 1960 when they moved back to Ludden and lived in the house which belonged to Bill Scheffert. Charley died in 1964 and Mary passed away in Oakes, N.D., on Oct. 8, 1968.

Mrs. Fred Buro and Mrs. Tillie Kenny of Houghton, S.D. are sisters of Mary Williams.

CLIFFORD & ESTHER WARNER

Clifford and Esther and six children moved from Wisconsin to the Guelph area in January, 1954. Clifford worked for Jim Cowley a year. Dennis was born August, 1954, while they lived there.

From Jim's farm, they moved north of Guelph, and Clifford worked for Everett Courtney. In 1956, they moved into town and lived in Pete Conoughton's house. Both Clifford and Esther worked as janitors at the school for several years. They later moved into Eino Visto's house where they lived until they moved to LaMoure in June of 1973.

Except for Don and Dennis, all the children graduated from Guelph High School; Irene's class being the last class to graduate from Guelph. Dennis graduated from Oakes.

Don and his wife and son, Clifford, age 13, live in Houston, Texas. Linda married John Crabtree of Ellendale, N.D. They live in Bismarck and have 2 children, Bradford, age 13 and Laurel, age 10. Judy married Art Frederick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Frederick, who lived in the Guelph area. They have 2 children, Tim age 14, and Joe age 9. Nancy lives in Devils Lake and is married to Rick Bigler. Wilbert married Dorothy Hills of Minot. Irene is married to Ted Yde. They live in Hecla. Dennis and his wife live in Austin, Texas. They have a son, Dylon, age 2.

Mr. Warner worked many years for Ted Cowley when they lived in Guelph.

OWEN AND GLADYS WALLACE



The Owen Wallace Family

Owen C. Wallace, son of James Joseph Wallace and Mary Ellen (Waite) Wallace was born in Guelph, N.D. April 9, 1928, attended school Guelph grades 1-7, moved with family to Valley City, N.D. summer of 1941, graduated from high school in Valley City 1946, entered Army Services October 1946, was discharged 1948, enrolled in Valley City State College fall of 1948, called to active duty during Korean Conflict December 15, 1951, married Gladys L. Pfingsten, January 20, 1951, graduated from Valley City State College May, 1954, began teaching and coaching career at Kensal, N.D., fall of 1954 to 1956, moved to Kulm, N.D. to teach, coach and be principal 1956-65, became HS principal at Mott, N.D. 1965-66, returned to Kulm as Supt. of Schools 1966-68, moved in 1968 to Fessenden, N.D. as Supt. of Schools where he is still employed. Owen was inducted into the North Dakota Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame in 1977 at Edgeley, N.D. Wife, Gladys Pfingsten a 1949 graduate of Valley City State College, taught at Embden, Litchville, Kensal, Kulm and Fessenden, N.D. Presently she is Hot Lunch Director of Fessenden school lunch program. Wallace's have four daughters, Mary Ellen, Lee Ann, Sharon Lynne and Lori Jo, and four granddaughters, Beth Marie, Jamie Lynn, Brook Elizabeth, and Allison Jo, and one grandson deceased.

TOIVO WATTULA



Toivo and Hilya Wattula and daughters, Esther, Elsie and Ellen.

Toivo Wattula was born August 23, 1894, to William and Hilma Wattula. He lived in the Ludden area most of his life except for a few years that he worked in lumber camps in Canada. On November 3, 1921, he married Hilja Klind in Port Arthur, Canada. She was born in Kalajoki, Finland, August 29, 1889. They came to Ludden and began farming, first in Lovell township and then in Port Emma township for 15 years.

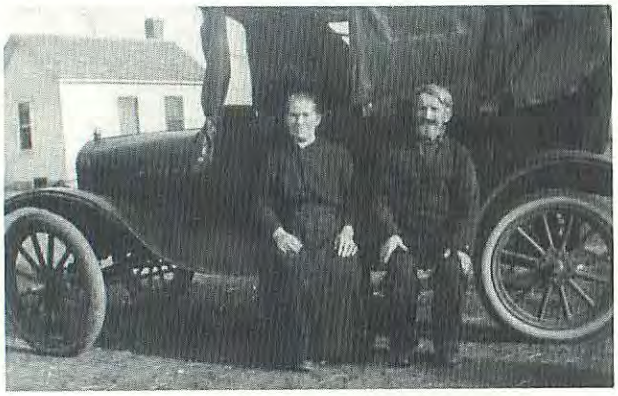
Four children were born to them: a son which died in infancy; Elsie (Mrs. Ernest Daniels), Esther (Mrs. James Karitas), and Ellen (Mrs. Paul Saranen). The girls attended school in Port Emma School #1 and Elsie and Esther, also, attended Guelph High School. In 1942 they purchase the Wattula homestead and returned there to live.

Toivo read extensively and enjoyed relating what he'd read to his wife and children. He was actively involved in community improvements.

Toivo died suddenly February 12, 1953. Mrs. Wattula went to live in Virginia, Minnesota, spending summers at her farm in Ludden where Elsie and Ernest and family now lived. In 1973, she entered Oakes Manor and resided there three years until her health failed. She then entered the Nursing Center in Ellendale and died there September 3, 1977.

Esther Karitas lives at Lanham, Md. and has one son, Joseph Toivo. Ellen Saranen lives at Virginia, Minnesota, and has three children: David, Richard and Paula.

WILLIAM WATTULA



Mr. and Mrs. William Wattula

William Wattula was born at Kuusam, Finland, on June 1, 1852. He made two fishing trips to Norway. On July 6, 1879, he came to Calumet, Michigan where he worked in the forests. He came to Frederick, Dakota Territory in March 1883. With his two companions they were unable to find suitable land nearby. They walked eastward to Eaton's store by the James River; going across in a boat. One-half mile east of the river they found the kind of land they liked. On the land which Mr. Wattula selected was a small cabin and a three foot deep well. The owner asked $120 for the cabin and for his labor which Mr. Wattula paid him. This homestead is located in Lovell township, SE¼, Sec. 26.

The first winter Mr. Wattula returned to Calumet, Michigan. He married Mathilda Keskitalo, who was born in Tornio, Finland, on Dec. 20, 1868. Two children were born to them: a daughter, Hilma Elizabeth, on Jan. 6, 1886 and a son, John Peter, on March 9, 1888. Many were the hardships and trials they had to endure. Mrs. Wattula became ill and died on Dec. 20, 1888. Mr. Wattula remarried on Nov. 11, 1893, to Hilma K. Wattula. She was born in Tornio, Finland, on April 21, 1869, and came to Superior, Wisconsin in Sept. 1891, and from there to Savo, S.D. where her brother Peter lived. Solomon West officiated at the marriage and Jacob Wetelainen was the witness. Together with the neighbors they bought oxen and necessary machinery and with cooperatin in this way, progressed slowly.

From the very beginning the Wattula home has been known for hospitality. At one time when a widower, some missionaries spent the night at his simple home, dined on fish caught from the nearby lake and wild duck eggs. Mr Wattula was a charter member of the James River Apostolic Lutheran Church, and was active in church work as long as he was physically able. He was the chorister and a caretaker, besides performing many baptisms and burials in absence of minister. Both Mr. and Mrs. Wattual took keen interest in literature and stressed the importance of reading in their home. They enjoyed company and their greatest delight was to entertain fellow Christians. Eight chilren were born to them, three died in infancy. Those who lived are: Toivo William, Hillia Miriam, George Benjamin, Hannah Alida and Hilda Lempi. Mr. Wattula died on Feb. 18, 1933 and Mrs. Wattula passed away on Dec. 23, 1941.

Hilma, the daughter from the first marriage, married Isaac Hukkanen in 1907 in Virginia, Minnestoa. Five children were born to them. John, the son from the first marriage, married Amanda Kovala in Ely, Minn. in 1909. They farmed in the Hecla, S.D. and Savo area before moving to Butte, Montana. They had eleven children.

Toivo married Hilja Klind on Nov. 3, 1921 in Canada. They came to Ludden in 1922. For several years they farmed on the Wattula farmstead. He was progressive, honest in all his dealings. He read extensively and enjoyed it as a hobby. He was be very active in the Finnish Historical Society. They had three children; Elsie (Mrs. Ernest Daniels) of Hecla, S.D., Esther and Ellen.

Hillia married Emil Hokana (see Emil Hokana history).

George Benjamin has been missing since 1918.

Hannah married William J. Johnson and lived in New York Mills, Minnesota. They had six children.

Hilda married Emil Karki. He was born in Lovell township. They lived for a few years at her home; then in 1948, they moved to Virginia, Minn. They had two sons. Hilda and Emil are both deceased.

AUGUST, SR. AND AUGUSTA WEDEL

This story submitted by Clara Wedel Kalbus.

"My grandparents August, Sr., and Augusta Wedel, in 1889 purchased 320 acres of land in Port Emma Townhsip one mile west of the Ludden bridge. They had emigrated from West Prussia to Westfield, Wisconsin in 1869. They came to Port Emma in an immigrant train. Each family was allotted a box car for their worldly goods. In their car was the lumber for their home and other buildings, household goods, machinery and horses and perhaps a cow or two. The man of the family stayed in the car while the other family members had seats in the coaches.

On the arrival, they proceeded to build a house, a barn and other buildings. The barn is still in use. At the same time, with the help of their four sons, they prepared the soil and planted crops. The sons were Albert, August, Jr., Herman and Ewald. A daughter, already married stayed in Wisconsin. Marie, the baby, was four years old. They had brought a fifteen year old

orphaned niece, Bertha Wedel, with them to care for Marie, so Grandmother could help the menfolks. Bertha later married John Byer of Ellendale, a marriage which lasted 57 years, until his death. She remained in Ellendale where she died in 1971 at the age of 97 years.

The elder Wedels retired in Oakes in 1898 where they bought a house one block north of Main on highway No. 1. Their son, Albert, died that year, survived by a four year old daughter, Ella, who lived with her grandparents. After Grandfather's death in 1907, Grandmother continued to live in Oakes. Ella died at sixteen years. In 1918, Grandmother went to live with her children, because of poor health and died in 1925.

The first services of St. John's Lutheran Church were held in their home at Ludden. When St. John's dedicated their present church bulding, my father, August, Jr., was the only living charter member.

Their son, Herman, married Minna Hoerman of Ellendale in 1898 and resided in Elden Township. They were parents of six children. Hulda died as a small child. The sons, Walter, Paul and Ben, all farmed in Elden Township. The two daughters, Laura and Marie live out of state. Herman died in 1932 and his widow in 1955.

Ewald returned to Wisconsin after his marriage in the early part of the century. Marie married Albert Gramlow, Sr. They lived on a farm near Oakes and had three sons: Fed, deceased, Walter, in Spokane, Washington, and Albert, Oakes. Marie died at 85 years.

My father, August, Jr., married Edie Uecker on Dec. 7, 1898 at the home of her parents in Ellendale on South 4th St. The house is still in use. After their marriage, they settled in Yorktown Township where they spent the next twenty years, except for two years in Fullerton. The farm was two miles from school and our transportation was a horse and buggy. In 1917, my father bought a farm one and one-half miles west of Oakes to be near church and schools. In 1918, after the house was completed, we moved there. Father served many years on the school board. He was interested in good education and government and thought it was a priviliege to cast one's vote.

There were five children - Fred, Albert and Ernest, all deceased and my sister, Hattie Lundquist of St. Paul, MN and myself, Clara Kalbus of Ellendale, N.D.

Mother died in 1945, having been an invalid for more than twenty years, and Dad passed away in 1951."

ALLEN AND HELMI WEITALA

Allen and Helmi Weitala were married August 31, 1921 in Fergus Falls, Minnesota. They moved and settled in Ada Township (S½ of Sec. 34-129-61) not far from Guelph. To this union were born 5 children: Milton married to Phyllis Martin and lives in Texas; Myrtle married James Telin and lives in St. Paul; Mae married Arthur Gebhardt and lives in Ellendale; Maynard is married; and Millie married Duane Gunby and lives in Denver. They have 15 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.



Back Row: Myrtle, Mae, Milton, Maynard.
Front Row: Millie, Helmi and Allen Weitala.



Maynard Weitala family.
Back Row: Kathy and Maynard.
Front Row: Kelly, Paul, and Sherry.

All of their children attended Ada country schools and Milton, Myrtle, and Mae graduated from the Guelph High School, all doing light housekeeping at Mrs. Swanson's. Much of their trading was done at the store and elevator in Guelph. Allen and Helmi were active in community affairs including the "Ada Choir".

They retired from farming in 1957. They moved to Hecla to manage a "Sauna", a Finnish bathhouse, which was very popular and used by many people.

Allen donated the land for his church, the State Line Apostolic Lutheran Church, which is still very active.

They moved to Ellendale in 1977, where Allen passed away February 3, 1981. Helmi stayed on in their apartment until a couple of years ago when she became a resident of the Ellendale Nursing Center. She passed away June 8, 1983.

MILTON AND PHILLIS WEITALA

Milton was born Oct. 25, 1925 to Allen and Helmi (Wiire) Weitala of Guelph, N.D. Milton's parents lived in Ada Township on the S½ of Sec. 34-129-61. He has one brother, Maynard, of St. Paul and three sisters: Mae (Mrs. Art) Gebhardt of Ellendale, Myrtle (Mrs. James) Telin of St. Paul, Minn. and Millie Gunby of Denver, Colorado.

He married Phillis Martin of Anoka, Minnesota, June 29, 1964 and followed a career of Landscape Designer but is now retired.

PAUL AND HILMA WEITALA



Paul and Helma Weitala on their 50th wedding anniversary.

Paul was born in Isojoki, Finland, in 1859 and came to Calumet, Michigan, in 1880. He came to Frederick Territory in 1883 and the same year married Edla Sophia Hemanga, who was born in Lohtaja, Finland, in 1866 and came to Dakota with her parent in 1882. Two daughters were born to them: Hilda Sophia (Mrs. John Anderson) in 1884 and Hilma Aurora (Mrs. J.A. Nixon) in 1889. That year Edla died in an accident. The same year Paul married her sister, Hilma, who also was born in Lohtaja, Finland in 1872.

The Weitalas went to Ironwood, Mich. where Paul secured employment and his wife operated a boarding house. Two years later they were back in Dakota. Paul had 2 oxen to begin farming with. In 1902, they moved over into North Dakota, Ada Township, and settled on a farm. At one time they farmed 900 acres and had 28 horses and milk cows. They built a large farmstead with large new buildings. Paul was industrious and progressive and a helpful person. Hilma was an energetic housewife and an avid reader. She was a Sunday School leader for many years. Paul died in 1944 and Hilma died in 1950. They were members of the Apostolic Lutheran Church.



Hjalmer Edwin Weitala

They had 5 children. Edwin Bryonolph was born in 1897. He married Kathryn Buro, who was bon near Hecla, S.D. in 1902. They had 5 children - Hjalmer Edwin, who died when his ship, the U.S.S. Mugfor, was destroyed off New Britain in World War II.
Katherine Hilma married Arvo Peldo and they live in Washington.
Eleanor Louise (Mrs. Woody Lamb) lives in Chicago.
Mildred Helen (Mrs. Martin Steinwand) Cheyenne Agency, S.D.

Delbert married Helen Martelle and they live in Mitchell.
Harry Rebert was born in 1899. He was married and lived in Chicago where he passed away in 1949.
Allen (See Allen and Helmi Weitala history).
Millie Mabel, the youngest of Paul and Hilma's children, was born in 1903. She taught school for a year. Death came to her suddenly in 1925.

CHRIS AND LUCY WENTZEL



Chris and Lucy Wentzel.

Chris Wentzel was born in Owatonna, MN, in 1877. His father, Ole Wentzel, a native of Norway, came to the U.S.A. in 1851. He enlisted in the sevices of his adopted country and served 2 years during the Civil War. After the war, he went to Minnesota, where he met and married a Norwegian girl named Carolyn Sundby. In 1884, Ole and Carolyn took their 6 children and moved to North Dakota, packing their personal possessions in a covered wagon drawn by oxen. When they reached the James River near Columbia, S.D., it was in flood stage, so Ole put logs on each side of the wagon, and with the oxen floated it across. They located on land, he homesteaded 10 miles west of Guelph. Chris was 6 years old.

The children grew up on that farm, going through the hardships that families in that period faced, burning twisted hay and walking miles to get needed supplies. Chris worked for W. Hodges, a self-proclaimed doctor.

When Dr. Hodges located in South Dakota, Chris at 18 helped drive the cattle to the Black Hills on horseback and stayed for a time around Deadwood, S.D., where he became acquainted with "Deadwook Dick". On his way home he spent a night at "Sitting Bull's" camp at Fort Yates, S.D., not knowing at the time that the Indians had several white men's skulls.

Lucy Bresaw was born in a log cabin in 1883 near Forbes, N.D., at that time the home of her Grandpa and Grandma Byers. The Byers were neighbors to the Waites in Ontario, Canada, and had come to North Dakota to make a fortune. Most of the Byers located northwest of Ellendale. Lucy's father was killed while working as a brakeman on the railroad. Before she was born, her mother, Lydia Byer Bresaw, met and married an Englishman named William Townsend. Lucy loved school and taught in a country school near their home after eighth grade. While attending school in Ellendale, staying at home of Tillie Thompson, Chris' sister, she met Chris, and they were married Dec. 2, 1900. By this time, Chris' father had passed on, and he was living with his mother and sister Minnie, on the farm along the Maple River, where Chris and Lucy continued to live until their own farm was built in 1908, ½ mile north and ½ mile east (still on the Maple River), which was 9 miles west of Guelph.

To this union, 9 children were born: Uneeta, Vivian, Lela, Olive, Nona, Monica, Wayne, Evelyn and Gordon. Uneeta passed away in 1917 and Evelyn in 1926. those first 16 years were horse and buggy days, where horses were used to plow the fields, sow the land and harvest the grain. Each child learned to ride as soon as he or she could sit on a horse - no bicycles. Chris was well know for his team of white ponies and top buggy. If the merchants or townspeople saw the team of white ponies, they knew Chris or some of the family were in town. That team could make the 8½ miles in 25 minutes.

About 1916, Chris bought a 7 passenger Overland car. The car was his pride and joy, but quite a tansition from the horse and buggy to a mechanical vehicle. In the learning process, only one fence was damaged.

The girls attended the Ellendale High School and the N.I.

Lelah worked as a secretary-bookkeeper in the Court House at Mobridge, S.D., then the State Capitol at St. Paul, MN, for many years. In 1940, she moved to San Francisco, where she met Rudy Carlson, who was serving in W.W. II. After the war, they married, and in 1950, they moved to Denver, where they established a home, worked, and retired. Lelah passed away in 1976 and Rudy in 1980.

Olive's first job was teaching in a country school northwest of Ellendale. While weather permitted, she stayed at Granddad Townsend's and drove a horse and two-wheeled cart. During severe weather, she roomed and boarded at Monteith's which was closer to her school. The next year she went to St. Paul, MN., took a business course and also worked at the State Capitol. She married Syrus Nordahl from Monango, N.D. in 1929. They had one daughter, Donna Marie, who became a professional ice skater with "Holiday on Ice", skating in several countries throughout the world. Donna met and married a companion skater, Michel Bagneris, from Paris, France. They retired in Dillon, Colo., and are in business there. In 1947, Olive married Roy Gruetzman, a native of St. Paul. They had one daughter Susan, who married and has 2 children. Roy passed on in 1973.

Nona attended N.I., UND Grand Forks, and after teaching school for a year, attended U.C.L.A. (University of California at Los Angeles). She returned to Minnesota and taught in high school at Brainerd. In 1941, she joined the W.A.V.E.S. and during her service, at an officers' party, she met Edward Garrett, a native of California, who was serving in the Merchant Marine. They were married in 1945. After the war, Edward finished his major in geology, and during his working years, he, Nona, and their daughters lived in several different countries until his retirement at Vicksburg, while working with the Army Corps of Engineers for U.S. Waterways projects. They had 3 daughter: the oldest Toni, living in California; the second, Daryl, married with one child, living in Oregon; and the youngest, Nona, an airline hostess, living in Denver. Nona, the mother, passed on in 1981.

Monica moved to California after graduating from Ellendale High School and worked in different cities. She went to St. Paul in 1946, where she worked until she married Albert Hoppe of Sleepy Eye, MN., in the Little Church in the Vale in Iowa. Two years later, they moved to Canoga Park, Calif. Albert's work was in sheet metal construction. To this union, a daughter and son were born. Albert retired at Auburn, Calif. in 1974. They enjoyed traveling in the U.S.A. and then settled in his home town of Sleepy Eye, MN. He passed on suddenly in 1981. Monica still live in their home there.

Vivian moved from home after high school, and after working in various states returned home in 1931. The parents, with Wayne and Gordon at home, were planning to move to another farm. In 1932, Wayne and Gordon moved the stock, hay, grain, machinery, and all household things to a farm 3 miles northeast of Guelph, near the Stan Baker farm. Gordon was in the 7th grade, with Lottie Puffer, as the teacher. At this time Vivian met Roy Waite and they were married in June, 1934. (See Roy Waite history).

Wayne, like his sister, had the adventuresome spirit. Those were the days of the 3 C's (Civilian Conservatio Corps), which Wayne joined for a year, thereafter going to California to work (See Wayne and Inga Wentzel history).

Gordon graduated from Guelph High School in 1938 and attended N.I. for 2 years. After working at the shipyards in San Francisco, Calif., for a couple of years, he returned to the Waite farm, where he helped Wayne with farming until they moved to Colorado. Gordon married, and after a few years he and his wife Edith, with their son, Curtis and daughter, Valerie, moved to a farm east of Oakes. In about 1956, Gordon and his son, Curtis had an auction sale and moved to Anaheim, Calif., where he met and married Thelma Woods, who passed away in 1975. Curt graduated from Anaheim High School, married and moved to the state of Washington, where his sister Valerie and family lived. He was killed by a falling tree at age 30 when working in the logging camp. Valerie and her husband have 2 boys. Gordon has been employed by the Anaheim Postal Dept. for the past 25 years and is still working there.

Chris and Lucy retired in 1940 and moved to St. Paul to be near their daughter Olive. In the fall of 1950, they celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary at Guelph.

Chris passed away in 1951 and Lucy in 1955.

WAYNE AND INGA WENTZEL



Wayne and Inga Wentzel.

Wayne, the son of Chris and Lucy Wentzel, was born Dec. 22, 1914, on the Wentzel farm near Silverleaf, North Dakota, 8½ mile NE of Ellendale. He moved with his parents to the Charlie Maddock place 3 miles NE of Guelph, North Dakota, in 1932. He went to California in 1934 and worked there until 1936 when he came back to help with the farm work.

He married the former Inga Barsten on November 16, 1940 at Cogswell, North Dakota. Inga was the daughter of Anton and Randi Barsten. She was born on a farm NE of Fullerton, North Dakota, September 24, 1907. She worked in Wahpeton and Devils Lake, North Dakota for several years. Following their marriage, Wayne and Inga lived on the Maddock farm. Wayne's parents had moved to St. Paul, Minnesota, that fall. They lived there until March, 1943, then moved to the Sylvanus Waite farm SW of Guelph, living there until October 1948, when they sold out and moved to a small ranch SE of Castle Rock, Colorado, where they operated a dairy farm and ranch until 1962, when they sold the ranch and moved to a new home at Franktown, Colorado.

Shortly afterwards, Wayne and a partner started a construction business, specializing in Custom built homes. In 1971, he became sole owner of the business and continues running the business with the help of his wife until 1976 when because of Wayne's health, it became necessary to sell the business.

Wayne has now partially regained his health and enjoys his retirement by keeping involved in community and church work, Council on Aging and other interests. They still make their home at Franktown, although they have spent the winter months in Arizona, the past two years, enjoying the warm sunshine in Phoenix.

Two sons were born to them while they were still living in North Dakota near Guelph. Lyle was born July 8, 1942. He is presently employed by United Airlines at Stapleton International Airport at Denver, Colorado. He has one son, Eric. Merlyn was born April 29, 1946. He was an Army Helicopter Pilot and lost his life in Vietnam, August 17, 1970. He left a wife, Alice, and a son, Greg. They are now living at Mesquite, Texas.



Wayne and Inga Wentzel and sons - Lyle and Merlyn.

SAUL WEISTE (WAISANEN)

Saul Weiste, son of Sakari and Anna Waisanen, was born in Jokijarvi, Finland in 1836. He went to Norway to work in the fisheries to earn passage money to America and while there he married. Two children, John August and Selma Hilda were born there. His wife died and Saul moved to Ishpeming, Michigan in 1880. The following year he married Kaisa Marie Herne Aho. Kaisa was born in Finland and also arrived in Ishpeming, Michigan in 1880. They operated a restaurant in Ishpeming and Republic, Michigan before moving to Frederick, Dakota Territory, in 1882 and homesteading in Savo township next to his father's homestead.

During those early days the men of the neighborhood gathered at Saul's to talk over the events of the day. At one time there was a report that the Indians to the west were dancing their war dance and that Sitting Bull was planning to lead them in a scalp hunting expedition. As a result, defensive measures were earnestly discussed. Sakari Waisnanen was also present, but left for home a little before the others. Soon he returned hurriedly, saying that he heard strange sounds and saw gleaming eyes in his basement. Everyone knew - Indians!! The men armed with whatever weapons were available, from small rifles to pitchforks, went forth to meet the enemy. The "enemy" proved to be a neighbor's badly frightened ox that had dropped into Waisanen's cellar!

In the middle 1880's, the Weiste family moved to SE ¼ of Sec. 26-130-60, northwest of Ludden, N.D., near the James River (Bernita German's farm). Saul Weiste was a large operator owning a section of land.

Among their ten surviving children was Jenny (Mrs. Ed Trebilcock). She taught many years and some of those years were in the Hudson School district.

Saul and Kaisa were members of the Apostolic Lutheran Church. Saul passed away in 1924 and Kaisa in 1926.

S. Weiste and S. Waite, because of the similarity in the spelling of their names, had their mail misdirected many times.

LARRY AND VIVIAN WESELOH



Larry and Vivian, Christian - 11, Kirsten - 15, Matthew - 17 Weseloh.

In the fall of 1970, with their two children, Matthew and Kirsten (then 5 and 3 years old, respectively), Larry and Vivian Weseloh moved to Guelph, North Dakota, from Crete, Illinois. They dairy farmed for five years, after which Larry worked for Marvin Hansen, managing his turkey flock. Since 1980, Larry has employed by Garden State Bean Co. of Oakes, N.D. Since 1972, Vivian has taught grades five and six at Guelph. Their son, Christian, was born in Oakes in 1971. In 1975, they built a home in Guelph near the site of the old Puffer Store.

An interesting sidelight is that both of Vivian's parents were born in North Dakota - her dad, Eivind Unseth, in Edmore in 1910, and her mom, Lorna Jaastad Unseth, in Wiprud in 1911. The Unseth's spent their first 6 years of retirement in Oakes, North Dakota; but have since moved to West Bend, Wisconsin.

Larry was born on October 4, 1942, in Chicago Heights, Ill. Vivian was born on March 7, 1940, in Suttons Bay, Michigan. They were married in Albert Lea, Minnesota, on July 11, 1964. Matt was born on August 4, 1965, in Chicago Heights, Ill., and Kiki was born on October 9, 1967, in Chicago Heights.

Larry's parents are Lawrence G. Weseloh, Sr. and Bertha Hank Weseloh of Crete, Illinois.

JACOB WETALAINEN

Jacob Wetalainen was born at Pudasjarvi, Finland on Sept. 22, 1846. He came to Frederick, Dakota Territory in 1883 and filed on a homestead, the NE ¼ of Sec. 3 in Savo township. He later lost the property. By trade he was a carpenter, also, a mason and a painter. He built many buildings in the Savo, Ludden, Hecla areas. In the early days he built furniture, beds, cupboards, cradles, etc., as well as coffins. For the farmers he built wagon boxes, hay and straw racks, and sleds during the very last years of his life. He lived at first with the Peter Tuoppalas, then with the Isaac Hirvaskaris and lastly with the Jerry Ericksons. He built a neat cottage for himself on the Jacob Buro farmstead, where he lived the remaining days of his life. He was single, kind-hearted, helpful man, and highly respected by others. He made a noteworthy contribution to the Apostolic Lutheran miisionary fund. He was a member of the Apostolic Lutheran congregation. Mr. Wetelainen died in Dec. 1927.

J. CLAUDE WHITE



Claude and Agnes White.

Walter J. White and his wife, Florence E. with their seven children: Marion, Florence, Miles, Jim, Leland, Claude, and Geraldine, moved to the Guelph community in 1926. They first lived in the parsonage next to the First Methodist church and then moved to the Newman farm east of town until 1936 when they moved to the Ellendale area. Dad passed away in 1946, and Mother in 1970.

Each of the children attended the Guelph school system to some degree. When we first moved to Guelph, it had a "Three Year" program. Consequently, the first of us to graduate from the high school was Leland, followed by Claude. Geraldine, the youngest, graduated from the N.I. since we lived in that area during her high school years.

I was 5 when we came to the Guelph community. Because we lived just across the street from the school, even then it was an important part of my life. I attended the school from grades 1 - 12 along with my constant

buddy, friend, competitor, foe - you name it - James Wallace. We played, fought, celebrated birthdays, skipped school - for twelve busy years. I have fond memories, especially of my high school years when Miss Oliason and Mr. Gernhardt were my teachers. How fortunate I was to have such teachers to guide me through those difficult "teen" years, and to point me in the direction of teaching. Thanks, teachers! Much of the success which came to me as a teacher can be traced to my attempt to duplicate the "caring" attitude which they passed on to us.

While attending the N.I., I met and later married Agnes Burlingame, sister of the late Harley Burlingame. We have three children: Dorothy, Claude, and Calvin.

My teaching career began in a one-room school near Kulm. The second year I taught in Van Meter School District, and then entered the armed services in 1942. I received my B.S. degree at the N.I. in 1947, my Masters Degree at the University of Montana in 1952, and my Doctors Degree at the University of Oregon in 1967. I retired in March 1982 as Professor Emeritus in Education at Southern Oregon State College where I had taught for 15 years.

Aggie and I have enjoyed the teaching career, and are also enjoying our retirement. May the future permit the paths which tie us to Guelph and those which have taken us afield to continue to cross.

JAMES AND LILA WHITE



James W. Whites.

James W. White, son of Walter and Florence White, was born Feb. 16, 1917, at Kintyre, N.D. He had 6 brothers and sisters who are: Mrs. Don (Marion) Magoon of Huron, S.D.; Mrs. Norbert (Florence) Hotes (deceased), Cleveland, Ohio; Miles of Jamestown, N.D.; Dr. J. Claude White, Central Point, Ore.; Dr. Leland White, Moorhead, MN.; Mrs. Elmer (Geraldine) Kuch, LaMoure, N.D. The Walter White family moved to the Guelph area in March 1926, where they lived on the Newman farm east of Guelph for many years and later moved to Ellendale.

In February 1941, James volunteered for the army, and in May 1941, he married Lila Vasvick at Waynesville, Mo. Lila is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sever Vasvick of Ellendale.

James was assigned to the 90th Division and went overseas in March, 1943. When he returned home in 1945, they purchased a farm in Ada Township (one mile south of the Silverleaf corner). There they raised their 2 sons, and they still reside there.

The older son, Jim, married Paulette Yelkin, of Kidder, S.D. They have 2 sons, James B. and Spencer. They are presently residing in Groton, S.D. where Jim works in the Groton bank.

Gary joined the Air Force in 1964 and married Darlene Woods, of Orlando, Fla. they have 3 daughters: Marlene, Dorthy, and Connie, and live in Oakes where Gary owns the Oakes Electric.

MATT AND GRETA WIHELA

Matt Wihela was born in Alavieska, Finland, in 1872. He came to Dakota and the Savo community in 1886. He married Greta Jokela in 1892. Greta was born in Taivalkoski, Finland, in 1873. She came to Ellendale, Dakota territory in 1889.

The Wihela's lived in Savo township, where their son, August was born. They moved to Fullerton, N.D. in 1904. There they engaged in farming. Five more children were born to them but only the youngest, Elmer, and the oldest, August survived.

August married Lillian Rousu. One son, Chester was born to them. August and Lillian were divorced and he later married Rozella West and they have three children: Bernice, Beverly and Byron. They live in Sioux Falls, S.D.

Matt and Greta Wihela quit farming in 1940 and settled in Ludden. There Matt Wihela died in 1943 and Greta in the later years.

Elmer Wihela resided in Ellendale and passed away March 21, 1983.

FRANCIS AND DORIS YOUNG DALE WILLIAMS

Doris Young was born Jan. 4, 1917 to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Young of Guelph, N.D. Doris attended rural school in Port Emma township and high school in Oakes from which she graduated. She went on to



Francis and Doris Williams.

nurses training in Webster, South Dakota. She has two sisters: Thelma, married to Carroll Thomas and living in Nebraska and Florence, now deceased.

Doris married Johnnie Dale, Dec. 22, 1940 and they were farmers at Lily, S.D. They had one son, Derrel who is a mechanic for Wimer Logging Co., and one daughter, Lois married to Randi Engel of Portland, Ore., and five grandchildren. Johnnie Dale passed away Nov. 30, 1947 and Doris moved to Lebanon, Ore. to be near her parents. She worked at the Lebanon Hospital as a nurse.

Doris married Francis Williams Aug. 16, 1952. He was a government trapper for predatory animals in Linn County of Oregon. To this union a son, David, and a daughter, Barbara, were born.

Francis trapped for Linn County for thirty years and retired at 55 years. He now traps furbearers for himself during the fur season and sells the furs on the fur market. During the fire season, he fire watches for Willamette Industries Timber Company.

Doris has been a tupperware salesperson in her spare time for nearly twelve years.



Francis and Doris Williams and family.

HENRY L. WIRKKALA

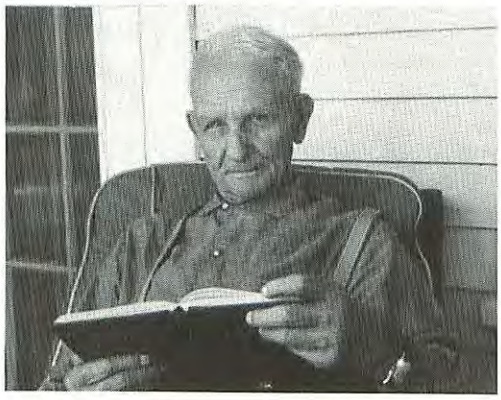
Henry L. Wirkkala, son of Leander and Beata Wirkkala, was born on February 11, 1903 at Ottertail, Minnesota, where his family was engaged in farming and dairy cattle. After the death of his Mother in 1927, the farm was sold and Henry moved to the Lake Norden, S.D. area where he met and married Helga Koisti on June 27, 1928. They were expecting their first child and complications set in and his wife passed away on December 22, 1928. After the death of his wife, he went to help his sister, Aili and her husband, Art Starkka on their farm and then during and after the illness and death of Art Starkka, he made his home with them.

He was active in the Apostolic Lutheran Church, possessing a good singing voice. He did a lot of singing and preaching and assisted ministers that would come. He also traveled with the ministers having services in different areas.

On October 2, 1937, he married Rose Markanen of Brainerd, Minnesota. They lived on a farm southeast of Ludden for awhile, then moved to Brainerd where he was employed by the railroad shops.

They have five children: Dale, Marvin, twin girls - Marion and Margie, and Jean. He developed a serious heart condition and passed away on May 11, 1946. Rose and the children moved to the Brush Prairie, Washington area to be near her family where Rose later passed away.

ALLEN F. AND LUELLA CRAFT WITHEE



Allen F. Withee about 90 years old.

Allen F. Withee was born in the state of Maine in 1863. He and two other young men came to the Guelph area about 1888. There he met and married Luella Craft who was living two miles south of Guelph, located on the NW¼ of 8-129-60, with her parents and brother Clint. They had moved to this area from Michigan. Allen and Luella had two daughters, Mary born in March 1893, and Hazel, born in Dec. 1897. Allen had bought and lived on the farm, 4 miles southwest of

Guelph , over 20 years. that farm is located on the NE¼ of 24-129-61, now owned by Robert Young.

Not long after, Grace Withee came to her brother's home and went to school in Ellendale for one term. She then taught the Kunrath school north of Guelph, the location of the school is the NW¼ of 16-130-60. She met and married Rev. William Smith who was pastor at the Guelph church at that time. Later they went to the Phillipine Islands as Missionaries. Their four children grew up there and came back to the U.S. as teenagers to finish their education. Will and Grace Smith were imprisoned by the Japanese during World War II. They were released by American troops under the command of Gen. McArthur. They came back to the Withee home until Rev. Smith accepted an offer of a church in Oregon as its pastor. After a few years there, he passed away suddenly. Grace continued to live in Oregon until she passed away at age 93.

Rob Withee came to the Allen Withee hame and worked around Guelph. Later he moved to Great Falls, Montana. He and his wife had five children. Rob and his wife passed away at Great Falls.

Clint Craft and his mother moved to Anaheim, California in 1912. They bought a home with 20 acres of orange trees. He passed away in 1942.

Allen Withee never did like farming. He and his family went to visit the Crafts in 1914. Allen went back to the farm in the spring of 1915 and had an auction sale. He sold the farm to the Hoyback family for cash. Mr. and Mrs. Thor Sand moved onto the farm and Allen went back to Anaheim with a pocket full of cash. He bought a home with seven acres of orange trees near the Craft home. When offered a good price for this property which was next to an orange packing house, he sold it and bought a home on N. Lemon St. in Anaheim, with a small house in the rear to rent. There the flood of March 1938 ran through their house., They got out of bed into two feet of water and Mary was placed on the mantel. Ever after, she was fearful of rains and said, "It ain't going to rain"! Anyone knowing Mary would be amused at that statement coming from Mary! They cleaned up the house and moved back to east center home. Hazel had married and was living in Bakersfield, California.

Mrs. Withee passed away there in 1943. Because of the long friendship and being neighbors to the Waites in the Guelph area, Mr. Withee invited Roy and Vivian Waite to live with him when he learned they were moving to California. Allen was then 80 years old and Mary was 50 years old. At age 85, Allen felt he should give up driving the car so sold that home and bought a house one half block from a park. There he could walk to join his checker playing "cronies" each week day. Allen and his wife were members of the Baptist Church and attended regularly.

In December, 1960, Mr. Withee and Mary moved to Bakersfield into the home of his daughter, Hazel, and her husband, Glenn Nichols. He passed away there in February 1963, lacking 8 months of being 100 years old.

Mary passed away in Bakersfield in 1967, Hazel in 1977 and Glenn in 1979. All are laid to rest in crypts in a mausoleum near Anaheim. As there were no grandchildren, this was the end of the Allen Withee family.

CARL AND ELSA WUOLU AND ARNE WUOLU

Carl Wuolu, the son of Simon and Briita (Ylikarkalo) Wuolu - both born in Paavola, Finland in 1841 and 1848, was born at Paavola, Finland in 1875. Simon Wuolu came to America in 1882 and homesteaded in Portage township, Brown County, S.D. in 1883. The family came in 1884 to Hecla. Simon died in 1915 and Briita in 1918.

Elsa Raisanen was born in Suomussalmi, Finland in Dec. 1889. She came to Hecla, S.D. in 1909. She married Carl Wuola in 1910. Elsa had two sisters, Jenny Hoikkala and Mathilda Iljana. Carl and Elsa purchased a farm in Lovell township about six miles southeast of Ludden in 1930. Carl died in November 1944 and Elsa in May 1968.

To this union nine children were born. The oldest daughter died in infancy. William married Mildred Cotton and they live in Corcoran, California. Ray married Hazel Blomberg and they live at Oakes, N.D. They have two children, Robert and Janice. Urho, who legally changed his name to Robert E. Lee, is married and they live in Concord, California, and they have three children. Fred who was married and had two sons, died in Dec. 1979 in Superior, Wisconsin. Helen (Mrs. Lloyd Boyles) had two sons. Helen died in 1974 in Longview, Wa. Lloyd died in 1978 at Seattle, Wa. Their two sons were killed in 1982 in an auto accident in Washington. Evelyn (Mrs. James Burns) has two sons and lives in St. Maries, Idaho. Mary (Mrs. Glenn Boyles) married Joe Baker after Glenn's death. They live in San Lorenzo, California. They have two son, Greg and Richard Boyles. LeRoy, changed his name to Roy Gene Lee and is married. They live in San Diego, California. They have two children.

Arne Woulu was born Dec. 19, 1914 on a farm near Hecla, S.D. He never married and lives on his parents farm which has been home for him for over 50 years. He has retired from farming operations.

RAY AND HAZEL WUOLU

Ray Wuolu, son of Charles and Elsa Wuolu, was born near Hecla, S.D., Sept. 12, 1913. They moved to a farm in Lovell Township about 6 miles SE of Ludden. Wuolus had 3 girls and 6 boys. In 1934, Ray joined the CCC and was stationed at Watford City, North Unit of Roosevelt Park, then to Fort Lincoln Headquarters in Bismarck and on to Larimore, N.D., 6 months were spent in Zion National Park in Utah. He was discharged in 1936.

Ray married Hazel Blomberg, daughter of Jack and Sylvia (Wapola) Blomberg, who was born at New York Mills, Minn. in 1919. Hazel had 6 brothers and 5 sisters.



Ray and Hazel Wuolu.

Ray served in WW II from Oct. 1942 to March, 1946. Overseas duty was in the Philippine Islands at Manila.

Upon discharge from the army, Ray and Hazel started farming in Lovell Township 4 miles southeast from Ludden, on the Mike Stehly farm where they farmed for 22 years. In 1962, they bought a farm in Riverdale Township and moved there in Dec. 1967, but continued farming in Lovell Township several years also. Ray served on the school board, township board, School Redistricting and Reorganization Board for many years in Lovell Townhship.

They have 2 children, Robert, born in 1941 and Janice, born in 1947. Robert graduated from Oakes High School in 1959 and was in the Navy from 1959-1962. After his Navy service, he attended Wahpeton school 2 years. He married Ann Weishaupt of Dazey, N.D. in Sept. 1966. They have 3 children, David, William and Linda. Robert started working for Northwestern Bell Telephone Co. in 1965 and is presently living in Brooklyn Park, MN and is still with the telephone company.

Janice graduated from Oakes High School in 1964. She attended the University at Grand Forks, N.D., studying for Medical Technology, interning her Senior year at Memorial Hospital in Long Beach, Calif. She graduated Cum Laude.

She married Clifford D'autremont of Davenport, Iowa in Sept. 1968 at Oakes, N.D. They lived in Iowa City until 1971 while Cliff finished his university school. They moved to Harbor City, Calif. where Janice worked at Kaiser Medical Foundation and Cliff for Hughes Areospace.

Presently Janice is at Memorial Hospital in Long Beach and Clifford teaches at Loyola University. They have one daughter, Christine Lynne, "Christi", who enjoys spending her summers on the farm with grandparents, Ray and Hazel.

FRANK YOULEY FAMILY



Frank and Eugenia Youle

Frank, son of Issac and Sophis (Jylli) Youley, was born in 1888 at Isojahi, Finland. He had 4 brothers and 2 sisters. He came to America with two of his brothers, Matt and Victor, and settled in N.D.

He married Eugenia K. Poykko, August 27, 1921, and lived and farmed for a time in Port Emma township (NW of Sec. 10-129-60) along highway 11 and later moved to Ada township (SE of Sec. 10-129-61) and retired in Ludden, N.D.

They had three daughters: Mrs. Lila (Gust) Bradke, Northville, S.D., Lila has one daughter; Mrs. Martha (Vernon) Doty, Ludden, N.D.; Mrs. Verna (Peter) Erhart, Vancouver, Wa.

Mr. and Mrs. Youley are deceased.

ISAAC YOULE FAMILY

Issac Youle was born Nov. 30, 1880, in Isojahi, Finland, the son of Issac and Sophia Jylli, in a family of five boys and two girls. Three brothers, Frank, Victor and Matt came to live in the United States and settled in N.D.

Issac came to Ely, Mn. in 1902 and worked in mines and on farms. Issac moved to North Dakota in 1903 and farmed with his brothers. He graduated from the Minneapolis Auto and Tractor School in 1919, and took courses in complete radio from the National Radio Institute at Washington, D.C. in 1929.

Issac owned the former Poykko homestead (W½ of Sec. 14-129-61) in Ada township and was active in livestock and grain farming.

Issac married Aldina Miner of Ypsilanti, N.D., daughter of Mary and Gilbert Miner, a family of 5 girls and 1 boy.

Issac and Aldina had 5 children, all educated at Guelph and members of the State Line Apostolic Lutheran Church.

The oldest daughter, Dianna Hagan and son Shawn live in Jamestown. She is employed at the Ramada Inn.

Victor married Marget Elish of Grand Rapids, Minn. Vic is employed as truck driver and mechanic. They reside at Morris, Mn.

Vaino graduated from Guelph High School in 1966. He married Valeria Gienger of Cleveland, N.D. They reside in Hecla, S.D. with three children, Faith, Gail and Wayne. Vaino served in the Armed Forces and graduated from Kansas Central Technical School, Kansas City, Mo. They now own and operate "Oakes TV and Appliance" in Oakes, N.D.

Lois graduated from Guelph High School in 1965 and has taken some Correspondence business courses. She resides on the home place. She has various jobs and raises quarter horses.

Roger and his wife Kim and son David live near Enderlin, N.D. where Roger works for a farm operator.

Aldina passed away in 1972 and Issac in 1973.

A tragedy occurred on the Issac Youle farm in November of 1933. There were two houses on this farm, one occupied by Issac Youle and John Boss, the other by the Emery Boss family. Fire broke out in the Emery Boss home about midnight. Mr. and Mrs. Boss and 2 week old infant and Mr. Boss's mother escaped but Donald, the 18 month old child, died in the fire.

ALBERT & PHYLLIS YOUNG



Back Row: Phyllis Young, Bertha Young; Seated: Richard, Albert, Jim Young

Albert Young was born Aug. 29, 1927, to Gust and Mabel (Hoybak) Young at Guelph, N.D. He has 2 brothers and one sister, Robert, Floyd, and Norma. He graduated from Ellendale High School in 1943.

He served 2 years in the U.S. Navy, spending 14 months in the Pacific. He was awarded the Victory Medal, Marksmen Medal and Gun Pointers Award. He held the rating of Y N 3.

Following his discharge in 1948 he farmed with his brothers, Robert and Floyd, in Ada township.

He married Phyllis Blazer, daughter of Howard and Bertha (Schulz) Blazer, Aug. 30, 1951. They have 2 sons, James and Richard. Both are married; James lives at Anchorage, Alaska and Richard at Lake Oswego, Or.

Albert and Phyllis lived in Port Emma Township (Sec. 22-129-60) until 1968 when they moved to West Linn, Or. They sold Real Estate and now own and operate the Open Seas Tavern at Lake Oswego, Or.

BARBARA ANNE YOUNG



Barbara Young and her German Shepherd "Smokey"

On September 14, 1956, a baby girl was born to Robert V. and Grace Mildred Anderson Young at Oakes, North Dakota. They named me Barbara Anne Young and I was the first girl grandchild born to Gust and Mabel Young and Ernest and Anne Anderson.

I attended the Guelph Public School for 8 years and was a member of the last eighth grade class to graduate from Guelph. I attended high school in Oakes, North Dakota, and graduated in 1974.

The Dakota Workers 4-H Club at Guelph has been a big part of my life. I was a member of the Dickey County Home Economics and Horse Judging teams that placed first in State Competition. With the Horse Judging team, I traveled to the National Horse Judging Contest in Dallas, Texas, in August of 1974. It was quite an experience and it was in Texas that I heard my first "North Dakota" joke. Through my 4-H Foods project, I was awarded a trip to Chicago to the National 4-H Club Congress.

In the fall of 1974 I enrolled at the North Dakota State School of Science at Wahpeton in the Legal Secretarial curriculum. I graduated in 1976 with an Associate of Science Degree.

After graduating from Wahpeton, I worked for Wayne Jorve, C.P.A., in Oakes, North Dakota, as a secretary. On August 22, 1977, I started working at the Farmers Home Administration in Ellendale and I am still employed there as County Office Clerk.

In November of 1981 I flew to Amsterdam in the Netherlands to join my sister, Julie, for a whirlwind tour of Europe. We traveled through Germany, Holland, Switzerland, and Denmark. In Norway, we visited our Norwegian 4-H Exchange student, John Oyaas. John had visited our home in 1980. We visited with Grandpa Young's relatives in Sweden. Europe is a fascinating place to visit, but it was nice to get back to the United States and good old North Dakota.

I am a member of the Maud Evans Saddle Club and enjoy showing my quarterhorse during the summer at the local horse shows. I also exhibit flowers and vegetables at the local County fairs.

Some of my other hobbies are snow skiing, water skiing, sewing, and traveling. I enjoy dancing and am a member of the Guelph Whirlaways Square Dance Club.

I consider it a great privilege to have grown up in the small close knit rural community of Guelph, and I am glad that I had the chance to attend a small school where all the teachers cared for me as an individual student and not as a number.

FLOYD & DOLORES YOUNG



Floyd and Dolores Young

Floyd Colson Young, the son of Gust and Mabel (Hoybak) Young, was born June 8, 1930, in Kent Township, Dickey County. In 1932 the Young family moved to a farm in Ada Township. Here Floyd received his early education in a rural school and graduated from Guelph High School in 1948. After graduation, he farmed in partnership with his brothers, Robert and Albert, for several years.

He married Dolores Provost Sept. 21, 1952, in Zion Lutheran Church, Ellendale, North Dakota. Dolores, the daughter of Henry and Sadie Saari Provost, was born Feb. 19, 1931, in Hecla, South Dakota. Her parents and family moved to the Saari family farm in Ada Township in 1935. Dolores attended rural school and graduated from Ellendale High School in 1949. She attended the State Normal and Industrial College in Ellendale and taught in rural schools for 3 years before her marriage.

Floyd and Dolores lived on the Young family farm until 1964, when they and their four sons moved to their present farm home in Ada Township, SE ¼ of Section 23. They are still engaged in farming.

Floyd is also employed as a federal crop insurance adjustor and Dolores is food service manager at the Oakes Elementary School in Guelph. At present Floyd is chairman of the Guelph Farmer's Elevator Board and a member of the Ada Township Board. They attend St. John's Lutheran Church in Oakes where Floyd is a member of the board of education and Dolores is a member of the L.W.M.L.

They have a family of 6 sons: Mark Henry (See Mark Young history); Jerry Dean, born March 4, 1963, and a 1981 graduate of Oakes High School, is presently attending the North Dakota State School of Science in Wahpeton, N.D., majoring in Auto Body. Kevin Floyd (See Kevin Young history). Joel Wayne (See Joel Young history). Scott Alan, born June 1, 1966, is a sophomore at Oakes High School and Patrick Shane, born Nov. 22, 1969, is in the 6th grade at Oakes Elementary School.



Back row (L to R): Kevin, Mark, Joel; Front (L to R): Scott, Jerry, Patrick

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GUST AND MABLE HOYBAK YOUNG



Gust Young Family - Early 1940's; Back row: Robert, Albert, Norma, Floyd; Front row: Mable and Gust Young

Gust Young (Ljung in Swedish) was born March 14, 1892, at Viskafors, Sweden, to parents, Karl and Frederika Berg Ljung. Gust was the oldest of seven children. His father was foreman at a textile mill where cotton from India, the United States and England was spun into thread. Gust worked on the docks unloading bales from the ships. His wages were 6¢ an hour and he worked twelve hours a day from the age of twelve until he was twenty one.

Many stories were told about the splendor in America and young men dreamed of making their fortune in the new world. Gust and a friend by the name of Johnson said goodbye to their families and homeland in 1913 and sailed to Canada. Gust's uncle, John Berg, lived in Manitoba and hired them to work on the farm that spring. They did plowing and many times made their hot lunch in the field by boiling water in a can and cooked eggs in it. They drank water from streams that were crystal clear and cold.

When the plowing was finished, the two young men left for Chicago, Illinois. They worked there the years of 1913-14. During this time Gust attended night school to learn the American business and language. The building boom was on and they worked in construction and built sidewalks. They earned 40¢ and hour and lived on 10¢ a day. For 5¢ they could buy a glass of beer and with it came all the roast beef and other food they could eat. The summer temperatures reached 115 degrees at the building sites. When it was hot and humid, without any breeze, the men fainted at work.

Gust and a Swedish friend, Swan Hedberg, decided to take a train to the wide open spaces to the west. As the train lumbered on, the gentle rolling wooded hills changed to flat, treeless expanses of golden waving grain.

They went as far west as Guelph where they found work harvesting. Swan found work with Harry Newman, who was farming at that time. Unfortunately Swan was killed in an accident while hauling grain to the Guelph elevator. Gust found work with Jake Baumchen, then later joined the threshing crew that worked for Charley Homerberg. Charley owned a big Case steamer and a grain separator. He furnished a bunk car for his men and also had a cook car. It was an exciting event when the threshing rig came to the farm. The first sounds of the outfit coming would be the whoop and holler of the bundle haulers as they had their own kind of drag races as they headed for the next field. The rumble and crunch of steel wheels on the road could be heard in the distance as the slow moving train of steamer, separator, grain wagons, cook car and bunk car rolled along.

When the harvest was over, Gust went to the woods of Minnesota and Wisconsin to do logging for the big wages of $22 a month. There were days when the temperature plummeted to fifty two degrees below zero. They were given a newly sharpened saw everyday and two men worked to a saw. The meals were good; served hot, morning and night at camp. (Hot oatmeal every morning! Many men grew so tired of oatmeal that they never ate it again, once they left the woods). Out in the forest, the men had specific job assignments. Two men would fell a tree and cut it into various lengths; another man would remove the limbs. A man with a team of horses (called a teamster) would skid the tree out to the trail or road. Then a four-horse team pulled the logs to town or to the railroad. Sometimes they had to make ice trails in order to drag the logs out.

The northbound geese flying overhead honked the arrival of spring and the logging seasons ended. Gust longed for the open fertile farmland where he had friends. He returned to Guelph and worked for John Skoglund in Ada township (NE¼ 21-129-61).

All the immigrants from Europe dreamt of a home or farm to call their own and a place to set down roots. Gust and a friend, Olaf Olufson took a first step to fulfill that dream by starting farming together north of Silverleaf about 2½ miles. Silverleaf at that time had two grocery stores, a dance hall, two grain elevators, a train depot and a lumber yard. The gas pump was owned by Knute Hagen. Gust and Olaf farmed together five years. The men were tired of cooking and cleaning (and probably of each other) so it was time to take the next step to fulfill that dream in America--that was to find that special life's partner! Olaf married Gertie Tollefson and five years later Gust married Mable Hoybak from Oakes.

Mable was a daughter of Karl and Maren Hoybak who homesteaded in Norway (later named Clement) township (NE¼ 27-131-60) in 1882. Mable had 14 brothers and sisters; among them were five sets of twins. Mable was a twin with Arthur, who died of pneumonia when he was 18. Mable was a good cook, and worked in Oakes at cafes and in the cook cars for threshing crews in the summer.

Gust and Mable were married June 1, 1921, and began farming in Kent township. The spring of 1922 dawned magnificently, with a promise of a bounteous harvest. By the end of summer farmers had been devastated by hailstones that pounded the living breath from everything. Hailstones as large as baseballs were found imbedded in the soil and had penetrated boards that were one-half inch thick. Turkeys were beaten to death by the blows. As one crop was destroyed, another was planted, only to be destroyed by another storm. That summer four hailstorms thundered over the prairies. Though that decade of the 20's was one of hard work and hard times. they found happiness in their growing family. They became the parents of four children, Robert, Norma, Albert and Floyd.

In 1932 Gust and Mable moved to the farm in Ada township (NE¼-24-129-61) that Mable's father, Karl Hoybak, bought from Allen Withee in 1916. Mable's sister, Lily, and her husband, Thor Sand, lived on the farm previously but had moved to the Ellendale area where they bought land. Gust applied his carpentry skills to improve the farm and planted trees. Bonds of togetherness were firmly sewn as the family worked together and shared special times such as ice-cream cones in town on Saturday nights and fishing trips to the river.

In the 30's, the farmers faced many challenges. Market prices in 1932 were 8¢ a bushel for oats; 12¢ for barley; 20¢ for wheat; 6¢ a dozen for eggs. There wasn't any market for sheep so the farmers slaughtered them for the meat and sold the hides for one dollar each. (The young people developed a dislike for canned mutton and many will not eat mutton today because of that experience!) Mable told of preparing delicious mutton chops by "barbequeing" them in the top of the "Warm Morning" heating stove. She also did the same with

pork chops. Gust sold hogs to J.D. Root in Guelph for 2¼¢ a lb. Coal and kerosene for lamps and lanterns were bought at the Grover Howard store. The coal bins are still by the railroad tracks, east of the Guelph Farmers Elevator.

The 30's were also a time of heat and drought. The sun's rays pushed the mercury to record heights of 119 degrees. Crops wilted, faces drooped. Gust told of birds that fell out of the trees to lie dead upon the parched earth. The family sought the cool sanctuary of the house basement many afternoons. The wind swirled across the prairies, snatching what it willed into massive clouds of dirt and sand. Darkness would come at noon! A lonely fence post would provide merciful shelter from the stinging blast of sand if you were caught away from home (or in the field) in a sudden storm. The farmers also had to endure armies of locusts and grasshoppers that ate their share of the precious grains and grasses. Many farmers were forced to give up. Some moved to the west coast for a better life, others hung on to face each new season with faith and hope. Gust and Mable hung on, and in 1940 bought the farm from Grandpa Hoybak.

In the spring of 1942, low spots and creeks filled with melting snow. An enormous thunderstorm built up in June and dropped eight inches of rain to flood the prairies. The dry run east of the farm was not only filled with water but also with carp that had swum upstream from the James River, a distance of approximately six miles!

The years rushed by and so did the "good old days", when families gathered on Sundays for big dinners of fried spring chicken; when neighbors farmed land together for the school and lodge; and when the community had pheasant suppers and rabbit hunts. People felt a closeness to one another and had a need for fellowship with one another.

Gust and Mable retired from farming in 1954 and moved to Oakes. They brought their love of toiling in the good earth to town with them and enjoyed sharing boxes of their strawberries and raspberries with family and friends. Gust took pride in his tall gladioli and fragrant roses. They enjoyed making pickled fish from their excursions to the river.

Their sons, Robert and Floyd, took over the family farm, and Albert farmed with them, living a few miles away. Mable passed away April 20, 1967. Albert and his family moved to West Linn, Oregon in 1968. Robert and his family bought the home farm and Floyd and his family just to the west one mile (Sec. 23-129-61). (See respective stories of Robert, Albert and Floyd). Norma Hauser lives in Guelph with her youngest son, Gene. He graduated from the Oakes High School in 1982 and is a student at the University of North Dakota at Grand Forks. Her oldest son, Gary, farms her farm northeast of Guelph and has two children, Dusty and Kirk. Her daughter, Susan, married Dennis Strahm and they live at Duvall, Washington, where they are employed at the Silver Spoon restaurant. They have one son, Riley. Norma is a cook at the Guelph School for the fifth and sixth grades of the Oakes Public School.

Gust married Hattie Scheffert Saari Feb. 27, 1971. Hattie was the widow of Elmer Saari and had been a neighbor and family friend. Gust celebrated his 90th birthday March 14, 1982, with greetings from friends, family in Sweden, his four children and their spouses, eleven grandsons, three granddaughters, two great-grandsons, and three great-granddaughters. He passed away two months later, May 21, 1982. Hattie passed away ten months later, March. 7, 1983.

Gust had built his heritage in America and fulfilled his dream. He and Mable, and later, Hattie, had enjoyed the simple things in life--the misty dew on the budding rose, the chorus of frogs tuning up on summer nights, the smell of perking coffee, and the enfolding love of family and friends.



Back row: Dennis Strahm, Gene and Gary; Second row: Susan, Norma, Cindy; Dusty, Riley and Kirk



Gust Young - 90 years old

HARRY M. AND MINNIE YOUNG

Harry M. Young was born November 16, 1888, in Iowa and moved to Ellendale at the age of 18 or so with his father, step mother, Kittie and brother, Bill. About 1910 he started working for J.D. Root at Guelph in his grocery store. Later the same year he became the local mail carrier. He traveled by motorcycle, horses and a mail wagon, and later by car. The roads were poor,



Harry and Minnie Young - married Dec. 3, 1911

nothing but cow path style in places. One day while using his motorcycle the strap on his mail bag broke and scattered mail for almost a mile before he realized what had happened. He had to walk back to pick it all up. In the winter when the snow was deep and it was cold and blustery, he used two teams of horses. One team was left at the Cowley farm where he usually spent the night. Here he slept under Mrs. Cowley's feather ticks. In the morning he took the fresh team and finished out the route to town. While using the mail wagon, he also hauled a stove to keep warm during the cold weather. One day he tipped over and really had to scramble for fear of burning up the mail.

Early in his carrier job he stopped at the school (down in the area where the Cowleys and Burkhardts all went to school), hoping to meet the new school teacher who was Minnie Rodine. On December 3, 1911, she became Mrs. Harry Young. They made their first home in what was called the elevator house across from the east grain elevator. This was managed by Harry Newman in later years.

Their first child arrived January 4, 1917. When Harry was told he had a daughter, he became so excited he poured his grapenuts into his coffee. He was eating breakfast at the time. February 28, 1919, another daughter arrived. The doctor was brought out from Ellendale on a hand car operated by Mr. McGivern as there was a bad blizzard and the road wasn't passable.

For reasons of health Harry had to give up this work and he and his family moved to the farm we knew as the Matt place where Walter Quandt lives today. Here on April 20, 1920, the third daughter, Florence, arrived. After a short time, the Young family moved back towards town up on the hill on a Logan Maddock farm. Here they stayed until Doris had to start to school. The next move was to the McCartney farm 1 mile south and several miles east of Guelph. The buildings are gone now. After three or four years they moved to the Bunday farm a mile east where Harry Scheffert now lives. Here they continued to live for almost nineteen years.

Every summer after 1922 or about, Harry worked for Roy Thomas of Ellendale on his threshing crew, usually as the separator man. In his earlier years he started out as water boy and "flunkie". Water boy meant to keep the water tank for the steam engine full and ready. He was gone from home for one or two weeks at a time. Eventually the entire crew arrived at our place to thresh. The steam engine, grain separator, water tank, cook car and bunk house besides some tents were set up for the cooks. This all made an exciting day for us "kids". This all came to a halt about 1927 or 1928 when Albert Pagenkopf and Harry bought a threshing machine in a partnership, which dissolved several years later.

Harry and Minnie attended and helped support the Methodist Church at Guelph for many years. He was an active member of the township board for years. Counting gopher tails was one of the annual jobs. It took all day to complete the job. The gophers were usually caught by the children as that was their way of earning spending money. The gophers and ground squirrels would run behind the corn planters and pick out the seed, so this was the reason for the bounty. Gopher tails got up to 15¢ each and 19¢ for squirrels. As more hunted they dropped to 3¢ each.

The shipping association was another big interest where Harry was very active. He was a long standing member of the Odd Fellows Lodge and both he and Minnie belonged to the Rebecca Lodge, also. For many years they both were members of Port Emma school board, Minnie as treasurer and Harry as a director.

Minnie was a 4-H club leader for at least four or five years under the direction of the County Agent, Mr. Penn of Ellendale. The first year was poultry for both boys and girls and the last years were sewing for the girls.

In 1946 they moved to Lebanon, Oregon, where they developed a host of friends and spent the rest of their lives.

Harry passed away in August, 1957, and Minnie passed away in April, 1964.

JOE & LISA YOUNG



Joel and Lisa Young



Carmen Renell Young

Joel Wayne, the son of Floyd and Dolores Young, born August 6, 1964, is a 1982 graduate of Oakes High School and is attending NDSSS at Wahpeton, majoring in Business Management. Joel and Lisa Meyer were married June 19, 1982. They have a daughter, Carmen Renell. They reside in Wahpeton, N.D.

JULIE ELLEN YOUNG



Julie Young

I was born Nov. 2, 1958 to parents Robert and Mildred (Mickey) Anderson Young. I have one brother, Roger, of Elmer City, Wa. and one sister, Barbara, of Guelph.

Preschool days were spent with Kathy Berntson, who lived just across the road. We rode all over the world on the gallant stick horses that Kathy's Grandma Berntson had made for us. Summer vacation meant time to follow big brother Roger and cousin Kevin on their blackbird hunts, to ride ponies or bikes with Barb, and Kathy and Sylvia Berntson, or to have "tea parties" in the backyard.

I attended the Guelph school through the fifth grade. (My fifth grade teacher was my great-aunt, Mrs. Dagmar Schnoor). In 1970, our school became part of the Oakes school system, with the fifth and sixth grades at Guelph. The sixth grade was an exciting experience, with nine times as many classmates as before. It was easy to make the change into the new school system by meeting all the "new" kids on our own home ground (at Guelph) for one year! Soon we had many new friends. The remaining years I attended school in Oakes and graduated from there in 1977. During those years I was active in 4-H and FFA.

4-H became a big part of my life--almost my whole life! Truly, it was a pathway to the future. There were so many interesting things to learn and do. Highlights have been going to 4-H conferences, camps, judging contests and many trips to the North Dakota State Fair in Minot. In 1974, our county horse judging team, Gayle Merkel, Kay and Mary Jo Brokaw from Forbes, Barb and I, took first place in the State 4-H Horse Judging Contest. Leaders Jim and JoAnn Brokaw and County Agent Gene Elhard took us to Dallas, Texas, to judge in the National Youth Congress. (Placed tenth!) Eight of us traveled 2500 miles in a pick-up camper--real togetherness! It was a tremendous learning experience. Little did I know then that it was only the first of many trips to do judging!

4-H Home Economics judging was also important. Elaine Holmes, Mary Nielson, and Karma Grotelueschen helped Barb and me take second place in the State contest in 1974. We tried again the next year, 1975, and this time won first place with Karma and Tami Grotelueschen and Sandy Waite on the team. We made the most of our State Fair experiences by entering in the State 4-H in Revue Expos and the 4-H Horse Shows at the same time.

Once a judging team places first in the State 4-H contest, it can no longer judge in that category. So I happily turned to livestock judging. It was by far the biggest and greatest challenge. In 1977 I was the first individual to place top in all three divisions (beef, sheep, and swine) in the State Livestock judging contest.

To get a "hands on" experience in this world of livestock, I raised Registered Polled Hereford cattle and entered a few of them in the Polled Hereford Shows. The local Dickey County Fair was an excellent starting place for us. "Lady", "Miss Friggy", "Mr. Pibbs", and "Sven" added many chapters to my book of experiences when we went to the N.D. Winter Show, State Fair, and to the National Junior Heifer Show at Oklahoma City, Ok. It was a good background for college.

I attended NDSU at Fargo, graduating in 1981 with a Bachelor's Science degree in Animal Science and a minor degree in Communications and Publicity. As a member of the college meats and livestock judging team, I attended several major livestock shows at Denver, Kansas City, Louisville, Omaha, and Madison, Ws. I belonged to the college Saddle and Sirloin Club four years and showed animals at the "Little International" Livestock Show winning Champion Hereford Showman in 1977 and Reserve Champion Dairy Showman in 1981. In 1980 I was a "Little I" princess. It was fun with a lot of hard work sandwiched between classes and studying, but it was all worth it when I received the Outstanding Senior Award from the National Block and Bridle Association in 1981.

During the college years, I was still involved with 4-H, serving as a State 4-H Ambassador. In 1977 three other young people and I represented North Dakota at the National 4-H Conference in Washington, D.C. It was exciting to be in that wonderful city and we wanted to see everything. King Hussein of Jordan was visiting the White House and we attended the official welcome. The president's limousine was parked nearby and we naive North Dakota "kids" tried to see it close-up, only to be told by the Secret Police that it was a no-no! (Another learning experience).

I was chosen to represent the 4-H of the United States at the National Canadian Conference at Quebec in 1979. It was a fantastic conference and I took equally fantastic photos--without a film in the camera! (Chalk up another learning experience).

The goal of my 4-H endeavors was to be chosen to represent America, as an IFYE (International 4-H Youth Exchange). In March, 1981, I was selected and the assignment was Poland! Due to the political unrest, it was changed to the Netherlands. What a dream come true! Six months were spent living and working with seven different families in as many different areas. With each family came a new experience, such as working in bulb fields, milking cows (by machine and computer),

making cheese, and participating in bath-tub races down the canals.

In November of that same year (1981), Barb joined me and we made a quick tour of central Europe, also Norway and Sweden. The greatest thrill of all was to visit Grandpa Young's homeland and his brother's and sisters' families in Sweden. It was close to Christmas when we came home, and we were so anxious to return to America to family and friends.

From January to April of 1982, I logged 7000 miles driving across the state, bringing my 4-H story of the Netherlands to my sponsors, the North Dakota Homemakers, and to other groups. It was difficult to tell about an experience of a lifetime in a sixty minute slide presentation. (Had film in the camera this time!).

The traveling came to an end July 1, 1982, when I began to work as a loan officer for the Production Credit Association at Lisbon, N.D. (Another challenge and learning experience as the first "lady" loan officer for P.C.A. in N.D.) Working with rural people and having a part in Agriculture is great. I enjoy hobbies of preparing Scandinavian foods, square dancing, old time waltzes and polkas, canoeing, skiing, backpacking and trail riding. I am glad for the privilege of growing up in a rural area where people care about one another and are true friends. To be a part of the Guelph Centennial is a once in a lifetime opportunity!

KEVIN & SHARON YOUNG



Kevin, Sharon, and Erica Young

Kevin Floyd Young, son of Floyd and Dolores Young, was born November 28, 1955. He attended school at Guelph and graduated from Oakes High School in 1974. He married Sharon Schmitz on September 9, 1977. Sharon, the daughter of Grant and Verna Daniels Schmitz, graduated from Oakes High School in 1975 and from the North Dakota State School of Science in 1977, with a degree in practical nursing. A daughter, Erica Mae, was born to them June 16, 1981. Kevin has been engaged in farming since 1974 and recently purchased the Provost family farm where he and his family reside. Sharon is presently employed at the Ellendale Nursing Center.

MARK & SANDRA YOUNG



Mark and Sandy Young



Wendy Kay Young

Mark Henry Young, son of Floyd and Dolores Young, Guelph, was born October 14, 1953, in Aberdeen, S.D. He attended the Guelph school, graduated from Oakes High School in 1971 and attended N.D.S.U. in Fargo. Mark and Sandra Doggett were married September 14, 1973. Sandra graduated from Oakes High School in 1972 and is a business graduate of NDSSS in Wahpeton. She is presently employed at Hardware Hank and Mark is employed at General Irrigation in Oakes where they reside. They have a daughter, Wendy, who is in the first grade at Oakes Public School.

ROBERT VICTOR AND MILDRED ANDERSON YOUNG



Robert, Mildred, and Barbara Young

Robert Young was born Feb. 4, 1922, to Gust and Mable Hoybak Young in Kent Township (NE¼ Sec. 15-130-61). He has two brothers, Albert and Floyd, and one sister, Norma Hauser. The Youngs lived on Sec. 27-130-61 when it was time for Robert to go to school. There weren't any all-weather roads going from their place to school (NE¼ Sec. 10-130-61) so Robert lived with John and Myrtle Morgan during the winter months of his first grade.

When Robert was eight years old, he and his dad hauled grain in triple-box wagons to Silverleaf. Robert drove one team which followed the wagon that Robert's father was driving. For a youngster, it was easy to fall asleep in the load of grain, but it didn't present a problem for the horses knew where to go.

In August of 1932 the Young family moved to Ada township, NE¼ Sec. 24-129-61 to the farm owned by Karl Hoybak, Mable's father. The farm had been vacant all summer and had a forest of kingweed and wild sunflowers. The barn was not visible from the house porch. The horse mower could not cut the big stalks and Robert's father cut them by hand using an axe. The youngsters enjoyed making tepees out of the huge stalks. This farm is now owned by Robert and Mildred, making it the third generation of ownership.

Robert attended grades 4-8 at the "Boss" school (Port Emma twp. SE¼ Sec. 7-129-60). During the spring and fall, Robert, Albert and Norma drove a team of ponies to school. The ponies (Bessie and Bubbles) had to be "urged" all the way to school but going home was a different story. Robert held the ponies while Norma and Albert hitched them to the buggy. Norma got in the buggy first, then Robert, tightly holding the reins. But the ponies couldn't be held back and many times Albert had to make a flying leap to get into the buggy. The children learned to lean in the proper direction when they took the corners--on two wheels and dirt aflying. (Floyd wasn't old enough for school yet and missed this circus!)

During his freshman year of high school, Robert roomed and boarded at Adolph Barstens in Guelph, with Clarence Kunrath. He graduated from Guelph in 1940 and enrolled at the Normal and Industrial College in Ellendale in the fall, studying business and industrial arts. He and Roland Waite roomed at E.W. Ackert's house during the winter months. After college, Robert worked at the Kendall and Hamar Garage for $15.00 a week as bookkeeper, sometimes working seven days a week.

In July of 1945, Robert joined the U.S. Merchant Marines; trained at Sheepshead Bay, N.Y. and received the rating of Warrant Officer. He worked as a Purser and Pharmacist's Mate. Eight crossings of the Atlantic took him to Poland, France, Italy, Yugoslavia, Turkey, Lebanon, Palestine, Egypt and Cypress. He returned home to farm in 1947.

Electricity was brought to the rural areas in 1947 and about that same time, the Bell telephones were put in. In order to get the phone to the farm, the owner had to dig the holes for the poles--by hand with a special spade-shovel. Robert, Albert, Floyd and Royal Berntson dug many holes in the the hot (100 degrees) August weather.

In January, 1954, Robert married Grace Mildred (Mickey) Anderson, daughter of Ernest and Anne Anderson of Oakes. They have one son, Roger, and two daughters, Barbara and Julie. Robert's parents moved to Oakes and Robert and his brother Floyd farmed the home farm together.

To recall some of the unusual episodes of farming: 1955 started out as a very dry year. The hot wind blew incessantly from the south; the dust cutting visibility to virtually nothing at times. One day, with winds of 60 mph, the 300 gallon gravity flow (no electric pumps yet) gas tank on a 5 foot high stand blew over. Not much crop that year. The driest year was 1959. The barley was mowed and stacked for feed. The pheasants really appreciated that, for it was the only food they could find, and it was common to see a flock of them on the stacks all winter. On July 21, 1961, a hail storm moving in a southeasterly direction completely wiped out all crops on the 8½ acres of land that Robert and Floyd farmed. Even the sweet corn and garden crops were gone.

But there were better years and there were many fun times. Many hot summer Sundays were spent swimming and fishing at Roy Lake, S.D. with the children. Robert enjoyed deer hunting trips with his dad, brothers and friends to Watford City, N.D. There were some fishing trips to Canada; bow-hunting trips to the western part of the state to hunt antelope; fishing trips to the "big river", the Missouri. In later years, Robert enjoyed hunting with son Roger to grouse areas. For Mildred the fun times have been going with the young people to 4-H events, fairs, cattle shows and horse shows.

Robert and Mildred have been active in community affairs. Robert served as clerk and supervisor on the Ada township board for 21 years and 6 years as assessor. He is a charter member of the Farmland Coop Board of Directors, currently serving as Secretary of the Board

(1983). They have been active members of the Dickey County Farm Bureau, with Mildred serving on the State Women's Committee five years. They are active members of Grace Lutheran Church of Oakes.

For Mildred, the really rich memories have been gathered during the last twelve years as a leader of the Dakota Workers 4-H Club. Being a part of the Guelph Centennial activities has helped us to greater appreciate what our forefathers have suffered and survived to make this one of the greatest places on earth--HOME.

ROGER VICTOR YOUNG



Roger Young

Roger Young was born Dec. 22, 1954, to parents Robert and Mildred (Mickey) Anderson Young. He has two sisters, Barbara, Guelph, and Julie, Lisbon, N.D.

He attended the Guelph school for nine years and three years in Oakes when Guelph became part of the Oakes school system. He graduated from Oakes in 1973.

During his local school years he was active in Dakota Workers 4-H Club. He enjoyed trips to the 4-H Tractor Safety Camp at the Cheyenne 4-H Camp (learned how to earn the clean cabin award--by throwing a bucket of water across the floor), the State 4-H Conservation Camp at Lake Metigoshe, and the Wildlife Federation's Camp on Lake Sakakawea near Garrison, N.D. He participated in the State 4-H Crops Judging Contests, placing fifth high individual in 1971.

His 4-H experiences stimulated an interest in conservation and forestry. After high school graduation, he enrolled in the State School of Forestry at Bottineau, a branch of NDSU, and received an Associate of Science Degree in 1975. He received his Bachelor of Science Degree with high honors in Forestry from the University of Montana at Missoula in 1977. During the summer vacations he worked for the U.S. Forest Service at Bozeman, and Troy, Mt. Through the University Forestry Department he was selected to work with the Royal College of Forestry of Stockholm, Sweden, for the summer of 1978. It was a tremendous experience, especially when the only word he knew in Swedish was "Uff-da"!

It was a unique opportunity because he worked near the area where his Grandpa Young's family lived. Weekends and holidays were spent visiting them and the places where both his grandfathers, Gust Young and Ernest Anderson, had attended school and church. (And he met cousins by the dozens).

After he completed his four months with the Swedish Forestry Department, he traveled Europe from northern Norway to southern Italy. At Narvik, Norway, he visited Terje Nordli, who had lived with his relatives, the Berntsons, in Guelph in the early 1960's and had "baby sat" at the Youngs. After touring central Europe, he went to Naples, Italy, to visit HTFN James Waite of the U.S. Navy. Nice, Paris, and London were the last stops before he returned home Dec. 2, 1978.

In April of 1979 Roger was employed at Nespelm, Wa. as Forestry Engineer and Specialist in designing logging systems for the Bureau of Indian Affairs. He lives near Elmer City, Wa. on a small lake where he enjoys trout fishing, and raising roses. Vacation time is often spent backpacking into the Cascade Mountains.

ZELLER FAMILY HISTORY



Vernon, Amelia, and Emil Zeller

Emil Henry Zeller, eleventh son of Adolph Zeller Sr. and Christina (Heir) Zeller, was born December 4, 1916, in Leith, North Dakota.

Emil's grandparents, Johannes (John) Zeller and Katherina Elizabeth (Nehr) Zeller, were the second generation of Zellers to make their home in Klostitz, Bess. South Russia. The first generation of Zellers to

make their home there was his great grandparents, Johannes Zeller (Sr.) and his wife, Christina (Heim) Zeller. Johannes (Sr.) and Christina had come to Russia from Poland when Poland was still a part of the country of Germany. During that time in Russia, the early settlers from Germany enjoyed many privileges which Kathryn the Great had granted to them. One of these privileges stated the "No son's of the German settlers would have to serve in the Russian army as long as the Danube flowed to the South." But, when other czars came into power, this privilege was taken away. By 1875, the German people had begun to give up their sons to the Russian army. This did not please the settlers at all.

Jacob, a son of Johannes Zeller (Sr.) and Christine Zeller, had gone to America ten years before. His letters told of vast prairie lands available to settlers.

Johannes Zeller (John), also a son of Johannes Zeller (Sr.) and Christine Zeller, decided that it was time for him and his wife, Kathryn Elizabeth, to take their seven children and travel to America. Adolph, Emil's father, was only six years old when his father made the decision to go to America. They left Russia on October 1, 1884, and arrived in Eureka, South Dakota, where they found a homestead.

In 1899, Adolph married Christina Heier, daughter of Gottfried Heier and Louisa (Dietterle) Heier. They lived in Artas, South Dakota for a while and then moved to Leith. Emil was born in Leith.

Emil met Amelia Oswald at a dance. Her parents had come over from Southern Russia to Eureka, South Dakota, to farm. They moved to Paradise, North Dakota, between 1905-10. Amelia's mother died when Amelia was only five years old and her father, when she was nine. She had to cook and keep house for her two older brothers, a younger sister and a younger brother. Since she had to stay home and work, she had a very rough time getting an education.

While Emil was going out with Amelia, he sometimes had problems getting to her house; she lived between two rivers (Cannon Ball and Cedar River) and in the spring they flooded. Most of the bridges were washed away. Only one bridge could be walked on to cross the river. People would get their groceries and carry them across this bridge. Sometimes the bridges did not get repaired for two or three months.

About a year after he had met her, Emil married Amelia. That was June 30, 1943. Emil farmed with his father, Adolph, for a while and then moved to Lewiston, Idaho. In the fall of 1946 he and Amelia came into the Guelph area looking for a farm. On January 20, 1947, they bought a farm just west of the James River. They moved onto this farm in the middle of February. There was no snow to cause problems, but, it was still a long move.

On November 11, 1947, it started to rain. The rain changed to snow and forgot to stop until spring. This was Emil's and Amelia's first fall and winter in the Guelph area; they wondered what kind of country they were living in. Then, one summer night, they had a rain storm. The east wall of their house tore away from the upstairs floor and was banging back and forth.The plaster fell and rain came in but the wall stayed attached to the roof. This was repaired but a few years later, Emil and Amelia built a new house.

Once, when Emil was cleaning out the chicken coop, he discovered a great way to kick the smoking habit. He disinfected the chicken coop with a mixture of formaldahyde and DDT and water. He sprayed the inside of the coop with the mixture. It must have been a very strong combination because it really knocked him for a loop. For the next several years he could not stand to smoke, not even one cigarette and he suffered from continuous bouts of flu.

Amelia passed away in 1965. Many years later he married Fern Silvernagel who had also lost her husband several years before.

Emil had a son, Vernon, from his first marriage. When Vern was in high school, he had painted the backdrop for a school dance on a large piece of wood. When the back drop had served its purpose at the dance, Emil salvaged it and used it as a cover for the hopper of his combine. Emil Zeller is probably the only farmer in the Guelph area who ever had a fire-breathing dragon painted on the top of his combine hopper.

By marrying Fern, Emil acquired a step daughter, Georgette. He tried to teach her how to farm and drive a tractor. He put her on a medium sized tractor and taught her to disk. Once, while disking, a large rock got caught under the disk. She kept right on driving. After several rounds, dirt and stubble began to build up under the disk and lug of the tractor. In time, the pull was too much for the tractor and it stopped. His step-daughter came running home. She had no idea what was wrong or what had happened. Emil had to drop what he was doing and go out and pull the rock out from under the disk. In time, she did learn to at least look back at the implement that she was using.

A couple of years ago, Emil and Fern moved into Oakes. They go to Texas during the harsh North Dakota winters and during the summer, Emil works at a country store. Fern is an avid letter writer and a good seamstress.



Emil and Fern Zeller

FERN (HAYENGA) SILVERNAGEL, ZELLER

I, Fern was born on a cold winter Sunday in January to Fred and Jennie Hayenga. I had two lower, front, teeth at birth. My name was in the paper. (A celebrity at birth).

Three years later, my brother Jack was born with two teeth also.

At a very young age, I tried to make money by selling my pet dog, Spot, to the neighbors when they came to visit. (Especially Walt Beck). I would sell the dog to them for a penny and then when it was time for the buyer to leave and take the dog home with him, the dog would mysteriously vanish. When the neighbors would drop by again, I would sell my dog to them all over again.

My first grade teacher was Pauline Maddock. There were three of us in the first grade; Marilyn Wallace, Charles Higgs and myself.

My after school chores included going into the hog yard and gathering corn cobs to start a fire in the cook stove the next morning, cleaning lamp chimneys until they were sparkling clean, and going into the basement to get potatoes. There was usually a lizard or two in the basement to make me quake and shake.

I loved to help my dad with the calves. One time I caught Ringworm from them. I had to have all my hair shaved off. the doctor would put medication on it and would shine a bright light on it. When it went away, my hair grew back much thicker in that spot.

My last chore was cleaning my dad's pipes with a broom straw.

Our evenings were nice. We all sat in the living room, reading, sewing, listening to the radio or playing games while dad blew smoke rings. If it was winter, our hard coal stove kept us warm. Our stove opened at the top and when dad would drop in a pail of coal, we could see the glow of the fire through the ising glass.

At bedtime, mother would go upstairs with a kerosene lamp, open the beds and place a hot flat iron, wrapped in old flannel, where our feet would be. We then raced upstairs and jumped into bed. If we had a bad cold, warm goose grease was rubbed on our chest, back, and neck. Then a clean sock was wrapped around our neck.

Remember those nice warm long johns? On Sunday I put on clean long johns, my garter belt and then pulled on white cotton stockings. By Wednesday, the long johns ankle cuffs were so stretched out that I wrapped them around my ankle, pulled on my stockings and hoped that the long underwear didn't slide up my leg along with my stockings. And those trap doors--always a problem getting them buttoned correctly. Have you ever tried to get four buttons across your back into the correct button hole? If not, you've missed one of the greater challenges of life.

On butchering day, Marilyn Wallace (Anderson) loved to come to our house. She was intrigued as we made sausage and head cheese. She enjoyed eating bread pudding, (we always had bread pudding on butchering day), with our family.

At age seven I was invited to a birthday party. My mother wanted me to look nice so she decided to curl my hair with a curling iron. She lit the kerosene lamp, held the curling iron over the chimney until it was hot and curled my hair. Oh, did it look pretty. I was very pleased, so, one evening, I decided to curl my own hair. What a disaster, I got the iron way too hot and scorched my hair beyond repair.

In Guelph, the Howard family had a grocery store. We brought our eggs and cream to be sold. Egg and cream money bought groceries, clothes, and shoes. Grover Howard had a beautiful black, patent leather pair of shoes that my heart desired in his glass show case. Finally the day came when my mother said I could have those shoes. We bought the shoes and Grover gave me a jar of vaseline to rub on them to preserve and make them shine.

In the spring and fall we always waited in Grover's store for one of our parents to get us after school was over. One afternoon my sister Mathilda was swinging her lunch bucket back and forth and, crash, it hit and broke the glass in the showcase. A long silence followed the crash, and then, my sister dashed outside and jumped into our car. (Mother had just driven up). Mother was in quite a hurry, it was spring and she had little chickens and a thousand things to do, so, home she went. I don't think that Grover mentioned the incident until a long time after.

Grover had an ice house which the neighbors filled for him. One year they were cutting and lifting huge ice blocks from Courtney's pond, when my dad was accidently hit on the head and knocked into the hole of ice cold water. Thank God, he came straight back up and didn't get trapped under the ice. He was pulled out and rushed to Courtney's house to be taken care of. He didn't get sick but, he did have a large bump on his head and a headache for many days.

We couldn't afford a tractor, so, dad built one which we called a Puddle Jumper. Later on, we bought a 15-30 tractor. I enjoyed plowing with the 15-30 because, after I got it in the furrow, I could read a comic book until I came to the end of the field. The tractor nearly steered itself. A few times I almost drove into the fence at the end of the field because I got too involved with my book.

In the summer time, Saturday night was movie night. We'd go to a movie for .10¢ and afterwards have a malt for 20¢. (My brother and I shared a malt). One evening as we were driving to the movie, we had to stop the car and wait for a swarm of grasshoppers to go by. They were so thick we couldn't see to drive. Dad had to get out and clean the windshield on the car before we could drive.

Three or four times a year I had my hair cut by Barb Jensen. He had a board that was placed on the arms of is barber chair. We sat on this board and after our hair was cut, Barb would make his chair go up and down and around and around. Of course we were given a hand mirror to inspect the back of our head to see if our hair was cut O.K.

In the winter, Friday evening was visiting neighbors night. Dad would hitch up the team to our sled in which he had put fresh hay for us to sit on. Mother would be certain that the granite stone had been in the cook stove oven for a few hours to get warm. It was then

dropped into a wooden case and put into the sled to make heat under the bear rug that we were covered with. We were told not to put our feet too close, as we had four buckle, rubber, overshoes, and they would scorch and smell.

Dad drove the team to the neighbors. The adults played cards and visited in one room and the children played games in another room. When it was time to go home, everyone huddled down in the sled, including dad. The horses knew their way home.

One time, we were at Frank Moore's home and it started to storm. We all stayed over night. There must have been over twenty people there. The next morning we were served a hearty breakfast and then headed for home.

Another Friday night was Community Club. The people met once a month. We had a business meeting and a program. Some programs were Hon Baker and his banjo, fake weddings, singing, recitations, and, of course, Santa at Christmas to pass out a sack of candy, nuts, and an apple or an orange to everyone. The biggest Community Club events were the fox and rabbit hunts, held on Saturdays so teenagers, girls included, could help. The men and teens got into trucks and were hauled to the section that was to be walked. We were then dropped off so many roads apart on the section lines until the section was encircled. At a given signal or time, we all started walking to the center, chasing rabbits, foxes, and a few coyotes towards the center. At noon, everyone returned to the Community Hall where the women had been busy preparing a delicious meal. This meal was cooked on kerosene stoves located in a very small kitchen. All the water was hauled in with cream cans and heated on these same stoves to wash all the dishes. The animals that were shot were sold and the money used for community projects. The largest fox hunt covered eighty-one sections at one time.

My grandfather had a beautiful beard and as a youngster, I used to love to sit on his lap and brush it. When he died, his body was placed in the front parlor of the house until his funeral.

Fourth of July: Fire crackers, parade, boughten ice cream, and a picnic in the park. At 4:00 o'clock we would rush home to do chores so that we could get back to town in time to see the beautiful fire works. Once, we were driving home behind Frank Moores car, a Nash, and parts of the car engine began to fall apart, leaving a trail of bolts and burrs behind it. Finally the car came to a dead stop. We all got out and had a good laugh. Too bad we didn't have a camera.

One summer evening, as we walked to our house, we noticed a red glow to the north of our farm. Fire! Prairie Fire! Get to town! Go for help! Hook up the plow and grab every bucket, pail, can, and gunny sack that we can find! We filled the containers with water and put them into the wagon, then we drove as close to the fire as it was safe for the team. With wet gunny sacks we beat out the fire. We soon had lots of help. Everyone seemed to know what to do. Hours later,t he last ember is put out. Acres and acres of prairie burned, but, no injury to man or property.

For entertainment in high school, we had ice skating parties. One evening, we took a car onto the ice, attached some ropes to the back bumper, grabbed a rope, and away we went. Loads of fun until we couldn't find Karen Waite (Andersen). We hunted and hunted. Finally, we heard a moan and there was Karen. She had hit something in the ice with her skates and tripped. Thank goodness she didn't appear seriously hurt. Karen insisted we keep on skating. Later on, when we went inside for hot cocoa and lunch, you should have seen Karen's eye. It was black. She must have had a terrible headache but didn't want the party to break up on account of her. We never again used a car on the ice.

I went to college close to home, the N.I. in Ellendale. I did light housekeeping with Norma German (Hokana). I cleaned second floor halls and bathroom to pay for the room. On weekends, I would ride the train home from Ellendale to Guelph where dad would meet me with the sled and team. The train stopped many times between Ellendale and Guelph to pick up cans of cream or cases of eggs that farmers had to sell. The passengers sat around a little pot bellied stove to keep warm in the winter. The second year that I went to college, many World War II veterans were enrolled. I met Alex Silvernagel who was from Strasburg, N.D. He had been wounded on D. Day and awarded the purple heart. Alex was a farm boy at heart, but because of his handicap: A bullet had pierced the kneecap in his leg and kept him from having full use of it, he was encouraged to go to college and become a teacher.

When Alex and I got married, I didn't know how to bake bread. My mother and his mother were excellent bakers. I practiced until I did well enough that my husband began to brag about my baking ability. One day I mixed some dough and set it aside to rise. After a time, sufficient time for the dough to rise, I took a look and nothing had happened. It was just as I had left it an hour before, flat. I panicked. I thought of all the ingredients I had wasted. I took the dough to the pasture and dumped it down a badger hole. The evidence of my waste was well hidden, so I thought. When Alex came home from the field that evening, he spotted something white, like a large balloon, sticking out of a badger hole in the pasture. He examined it. The heat from the sun had been warming my bread dough all afternoon long and it had finally gotten the idea to rise, and was billowing out of the badger hole. Alex surmised what had happened. He asked me if we were going to have fresh baked bread for supper. Innocently, I asked what ever gave him that idea. "Well," he replied, "if you don't have any here, then I will have to go to the pasture and get some out of the badger hole." That little incident became one of our private jokes.

Alex and I had a son who died. We had a daughter, Georgette, who was her father's pride and joy. They loved to be together. Alex died a few days after Georgette's seventh birthday.

I sold our farm and came back to my home town, Guelph. I returned to college for a year, then taught in Guelph School. I married Emil Zeller, a farmer who lived in the Guelph area since 1947. I retired from teaching in the spring of 1979, after a total of 27 years of teaching.

Georgette is married to John Pickell. (See Georgette and John Pickell history).

Emil has a son, Vernon, who is married to DeMairis McDaniel. They have a daughter, Jessica. Vernon drives truck for the Land O'Lakes Company.

We are retired and live in Oakes.

HAROLD & MILDRED ZIMBLEMAN

Harold Zimbleman, son of Adam and Chrissie (Salmen) Zimbleman was born at Guelph, N.D. on August 20, 1906. He lived on a farm south of Guelph and east of the Hansen place. He started school at the country school south of Guelph.

He married Mildred Okerstrom of Monango, daughter of Carl Okerstrom and Jennie (Anderson) on August 20, 1936.

They have lived on a farm northeast of Fullerton all their married life. They have one son, Gary Zimbleman of Spearfish, S.D. He was born at Aberdeen, S.D. on Feb. 12, 1943, and was married to Connie Loup from Whitewood, S.D. They have 2 children: Jennifer, born April 9, 1971 and Rory, born August 6, 1978.

Harold has two brothers and three sisters: Mrs. Dale Newman of Redwood, California, Lois Sullivan, Santa Clara, California, Doris Whitfield, San Jose, California, Aaron Zimbleman of Fullerton and Raymond Zimbleman, deceased.

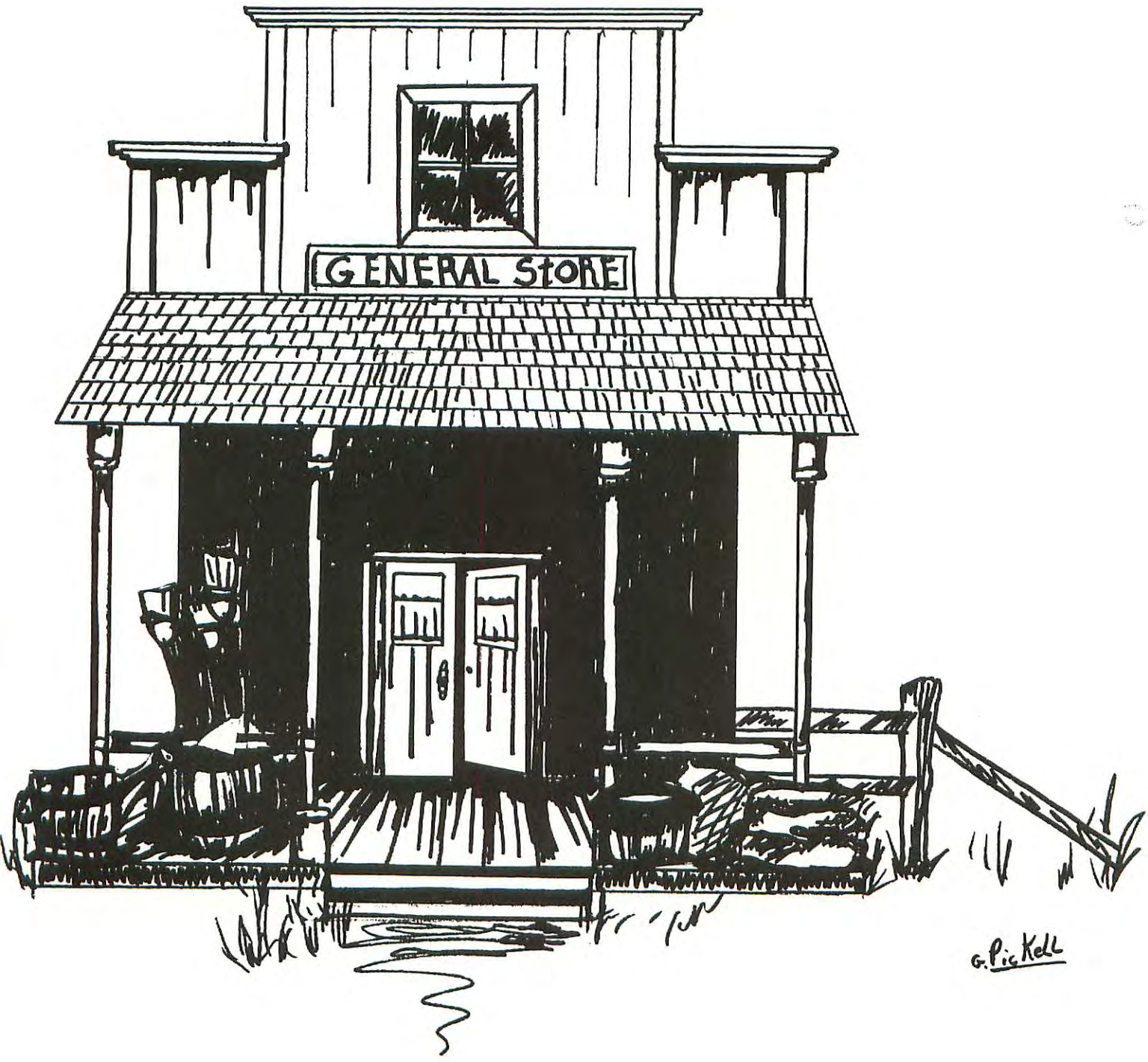
Mildred had one sister, Mrs. Art (Ethel Okerstrom) Bakkegard of Oakes, N.D., and a twin brother, Milton Okerstrom, deceased.







MISCELLANEOUS



DICKEY COUNTY FARM BUREAU

Various farm clubs and associations have been organized over the years for the purpose of developing a voice in the interests of farm people.

In June of 1946, a group of representative Dickey County farmers met in Oakes to hear discussions on the stated Farm Bureau purpose of analyzing farm problems and formulating action to achieve educational improvement, economic opportunity, and social advancement, and thereby promote the well being of rural families. The group in attendance voted to organize a county Farm Bureau and selected their board of directors.

The first officers elected were Wayne Wentzel, chairman; Palmer Vie, vice-chairman; Harold Maddock, secretary-treasurer. Members of the first board of directors included Walter Beck, Harry Newman, and George German. Other members of the original board were from the Oakes area.

Since its beginning, people from the Guelph and Ludden areas have held various offices and have served on county and state Farm Bureau committees. Serving on the board of directors from this area have been Wallace Maddock* (* denotes having served as chairman), Ferd Higgs, Palmer Vie*, (also insurance agent), Harold Maynard Pederson*, Carl Sandberg, Ralph Linvill (secretary and insurance agent), Lawrence Sund, Franklin Hansen, George Hankel, Marvin Hansen*, Mrs. Robert (Mildred) Young (also member on the State Farm Bureau Women's Committee), Larry Hansen*, Mrs. Roland (Karen) Waite. Present members serving on the board from this area are Lyle Hankel* and Rick Pahl.

Mrs. Perry (Martha) Pederson served as secretary to the board of directors for nine years, Mrs. Larry (Nancy) Hansen served as secretary for three years.

Mrs. Lawrence Sund, Mrs. Wallace (Marie) Maddock and Mrs. Harold (Ann) Maddock were influential in organizing a county women's committee to serve as an auxiliary to the board of directors in 1956. Mrs. Sund was the first chairman. Others to serve on the committee have been Mrs. Wallace Maddock, Mrs. Harold Maddock, Mrs. Ray (Martha) Hankel* (* denotes served as women's committee chairman), Mrs. George (Rose) Hankel, Mrs. Robert (Mildred) Young*, Mrs. Franklin (Mable) Hansen*, Mrs. Roland (Karen) Waite*, Mrs. Howard (Joan) Andersen, Mrs. Larry (Nancy) Hansen, Mrs. Allen (Mary) Hansen*. Mrs. Marvin (Gwen) Hansen and Mrs. Larry (Vivian) Weseloh. Presently serving on the committee from Guelph are Mrs. Rick (Carla) Pahl, Mrs. Kevin (Sharon) Young, Mrs. Carroll (Ella) Waite, and Mrs. Royal Boniek.

In May of 1974 Eugene Kinzler (husband of Daphne Oswald Kinzler) was hired as full time Nodak Mutual Insurance Agent for Farm Bureau.

These people, along with other county members of Farm Bureau, have given of their time and talent to be a voice for agriculture locally, statewide, and nationally.

GRADUATES OF GUELPH HIGH SCHOOL

1936
Hugh Norton, Alice Olson, Dorothy Pagenkopf, Rosalie Schwarting

1937
Harold Baker

1938
Ruth Baker, Ernest Barsten, Martha Boss, Lorraine Lund, Roland Waite, Leland White, Gordon Wentzel

1939
Leslie Baker, Bernice Berntson, Margaret Henninger, Frances Pagenkopf, Mildred Perlenfein, Clifford Rollo, Lois Rollo, Dorothy Royce, James Wallace, Claude White

1940
Rose Alkofer, William Baker, Richard Holmes, Clarence Kunrath, Frances Royce, Frank Schwarting, Robert Young

1941
Florence Hokana, Inez Lund, Ardyce Perlenfein, Mary Royce, Ernest Visto, Norma Young

1942
Clyde Moore, Walter Rollo

1943
Marjorie Hokana, Howard Royce

1944
Lorraine Kunrath, DuWayne Remillard, Fern Hayenga

1945
Matt German Jr., Wilma Schwarting, Myrtle Weitala

1946
Karen Andersen, Wilma Burkhardt, Vernon Courtney, Louie German, Clyde Hauser Jr., Ilene Henninger, Arlene Kunrath, Ralph Linvill

1947
Raymond Alkofer, Howard Andersen, Lloyd Anderson, Clarke Burley, Mae Weitala

1948
June Hauser, Jack Hayenga, Floyd Young, Carroll Waite

1949
Evelyn Hokana, Bethel Schwarting, Ellen Hokana

1950
Robert Burley, Gladys Hokana, Joan Vie

1951
Evelyn Burkhardt, Janeen Hauser, Franklin Hokana

1952
Gladys Anderson, Ida Fredreck, Joan German, Patricia Hauser, James Maddock, Thomas Vie

1953
Kenneth Benson, Marilyn Brown, Earl Grady, Janet Grotelueschen, Maurice Maddock, Roy Quandt, Robert Sund

1954
Paul Burkhardt, Ronald Hyatt

1955
Beverly Anderson, Gerald German, Myrna Hauser, Jewell Maddock, Daphne Oswald

1956
Gordon Ankeny, Marvin Hansen, Robert Maddock, Vernon Swearingen, Gloria Thorpe

1957
Anthony German, Beverly Sund, Louise Quandt, Stanley Thorpe

1958
Gary Maddock, Allen Hansen, June Sund

1959
Thomas Bauer, Doyle Burkhardt, Sharon Bymers, Ronald Provost, Harold Scheffert, Linda Warner

1960
Karen Brown, Keith Bymers, James German, Carol Sandberg, Eileen Solberg, Nancy Vie, Marshall Visto

1961
Sharalee Benson, Elaine Ankeny, Diane Visto, Hazel Scheffert, Marvin Aarons, Colin Burkhardt, Robert Solberg, Dennis Wagner, Larry Filbert, Owen Maddock

1962
Rose German, Nancy Hvistendahl, Larry Hansen, Lewellyn Maddock, Francis Maddock, Theodore Maki, Ronald Montgomery, Robert Montgomery, Judith Warner

1963
Shirley Anderson, Paul Hansen, Judy Schroeder, Roger Vie

1964
Nancy Warner, Phyllis Sandberg, Lucille Heintzman, Eve Ann Moore, John Schroeder, Rodney Sell, Carroll Montgomery, Richard Maddock

1965
Wm. Brown, Dennis Barsten, James Beck, Mickey German, Gloria Gilman, Linda Kocher, Michael Maddock, Beryl Pederson, Peggy Scheffert, Lois Youle, Herb Henninger

1966
Linda Anderson, Gary Botts, Tom Daniels, Charles German, Carol Scheffert, Judy Schumacker, Wilburt Warner, Vaino Youle

1967
Marvin Visto, Gerald Beck, Tom Scheffert, Carol Sandburg, Jerry Warner, Joyce Schumacker, Sharon Meyer, Virginia Meyer, Vernon Zeller

1968
Betty Kunrath, Jane Schroeder, Nancy Meyer, Virginia Hansen, Richard Daniels, Dave Kocher, Laurence Thorpe, Frank Maddock, Duane Filbert, Dwight Filbert, Richard Henninger

1969
Connie Aarons, Susan Holmes, Delores Maddock, Patricia Thorpe, Jeffrey Doggett, James Moore, John Moore, LaVerne Scheffert, Vernon Doty, Steven Maddock

1970
Virginia Daniels, Barbara Holmes, Patricia Forward, Jeanne German, !rene Warner, Tom Pahl, Dave Sorum, Dean Botts, Steven Kunrath



Grades 1-8 in Guelph 1939



Primary grades of Guelph in 1942: Mary Rollo, Gladys Anderson, Joyce Frietag, Janeen Hauser, Anton Alkofer, Thomas Vie, Jerry Folkstad, David Frietag, Earl Grady, Maurice Maddock, Floyd Baker, and Patsy Hauser



Teachers 1938-1939: Henry Gernhardt, Evelyn Strain, Gladys Ollason, and Salome Lemke



Upper Grades - 1941; Lillian Hillius, teacher.
Back row: -,-,Lloyd Anderson, Ralph Linvill, Kenneth Baker, Raymond Alkofer, Harvey Folkestad, Clarke Burley
Front row: Clyde Hauser Jr., Jack Hayenga, June Hauser, Betty Moore, Bethel Schwarting, Tommy Rollo, and Ronnie Folkestad



Teachers 1941-1942: Russell Erwin, Esther Ravenstein, Lillian Hillius, and Clara Nord



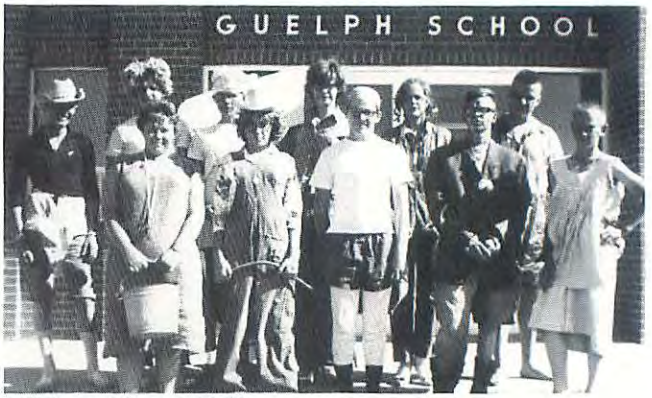
Port Emma #; Florence Bostrup, teacher



Lower grades in Guelph in 1935
1st row: Pauline Maddock, teacher; Ora Marie Sprouse, Delores Waite, Betty Moore, Harvey Folkestad, Lloyd Anderson
2nd row: Wilma Schwarting, Joan Bast, Vernon Courtney, Ralph Linvill, Willard Schwarting, Clyde Hauser, and Owen Wallace
3rd row: Eleanor Olson, Margaret Barke, Marilyn Wallace, Clyde Moore, Dale Bast, and Lowell Barsten.



Basketball Team - 1968
Back row: Frank Maddock (Student Manager), Steve Maddock, Richard Henninger, Dwight Filbert, Ton Pahl, Jeffrey Doggett, Dean Botts, John Moore, and Maynard Ketterling (Coach)
Front row: LaVerne Scheffert, Dave Kocher, Larry Thorpe, Duane Filbert, and Fred Moore



Initiation of Class in 1968
Front row: Betty Kunrath, Nancy Meyer, Frank Maddock, Richard Daniels, Dave Kocher
Back row: Richard Henninger, Duane Filbert, Laurence Thorpe, Virginia Hansen, Jane Schroeder, Dwight Filbert



Class of 1965: William Brown, Mick German, Dennis Barsten, Peggy Scheffert, Beryl Pederson, Gloria Gilman, Michael Maddock, Lois Youle, Herbert Henninger, Linda Kocher, James Beck



Class of 1956: Marvin Hansen, Robert Maddock, Gloria Thorpe, Gordon Ankeny, Vernon Swearingen



Graduation Class of 1953: Marilyn Brown, Janet Groteluеschen, Maurice Maddock, Roy Quandt, Kenneth Benson, Earl Grady, and Robert Sund



Class of 1952: Top row - Gladys Anderson, James Maddock, Tom Vie, Bottom row - Joan German, Patricia Hauser, Ida Frederick.



Graduating Class of 1951: Janeen Hauser, Gary Scheible (teacher), Franklin Hokana, Gladys Oliason (teacher), Evelyn Burkhardt.



Graduating Class of 1950: Gladys Hokana, Robert Burley, Joan Vie



Class of 1950 to 1947
Top L to R: Miss Oliason (teacher), Howard Andersen, Clark Burley, Carroll Waite, Ray Alkofer, Bill Bauer (teacher)
Middle row L to R: Betty Schwarting, Floyd Young, Jack Hayenga, Lloyd Anderson, Mae Weitala
Back row L to R: Gladys Hokana, Ellen Hokana, Robert Burley, Evelyn Hokana, Doris Kunrath, Joan Vie and June Hauser.



Class of 1939: L to R - Clifford Rollo, Bernice Berntson, James Wallace, Claude White, Lois Rollo, Mildred Perlenfein, Margaret Henninger, Leslie Baker, Dorothy Royce, and Frances Pagenkopf



Sophomores in 1939: Katherine Weitala, Frances Royce, Geraldine White, Inez Lund, Ernest Visto, LaVerna Pagenkopf, Norma Young, and Ardy Perlenfein





Class of 1937: Harold Baker

Junior and Seniors of 1945
Standing: Clyde Hauser Jr., Mathias German Jr., Louis German, Vernon Courtney, Mrs. Blatchford (teacher)
Seated: Wilma Burkhardt, Myrtle Weitala, Wilma Schwarting, Arlene Kunrath, Karen Andersen, Ilene Henninger



Guelph Chorus - 1970 or 1971: Director - Don Fuhrer, Pianist - Rhonda Waite; Front row L to R: David Sorum, Tom Schumacker, Dean Botts, Kurt Courtney, Pat Forward, Jeannie German, Debbie Waite, Sandy Doggett, Linda Kunrath; Second row: Steve Kunrath, Ralph Pederson, Roger Young, Steven Berntson, Denise Waite, Pat Courtney, Nancy Anderson, Janie Seelye, Mary Forward; Back row: Gerald Kunrath, Doug Courtney, David Hayenga, Gary Hauser, Bert Pederson, Mark Young, Sylvia Berntson, Virginia Daniels, Barbara Holmes, Irene Warner



Guelph graduating class - 1946: Karen Andersen, Clyde Hauser Jr., Wilma Burkhardt, Louis German, Vern Courtney, Arlene Kunrath, and Ralph Linvill



Graduating Class of 1947: Lloyd Anderson, Ray Alkofer, Mae Weltala, Howard Andersen, Clarke Burley

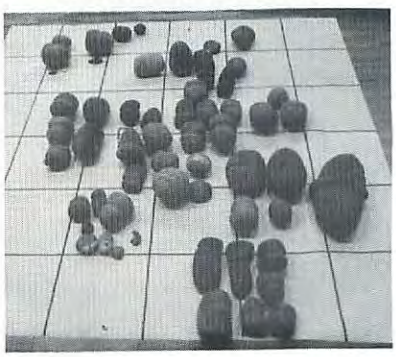
INDIAN ARTIFACTS

The Great Plains, a sea of grass that sustained buffalo, also nurtured many Indian tribesmen who roamed as hunters, moving their tipi camps in pursuit of the buffalo.

People of our area have found many artifacts testifying to the fact that Indians had crossed almost every quarter of land at some time. We asked people to bring their artifacts, most of which were found near the vicinity of the person's home, to our December 20, 1982 meeting and the following participated: Art Kunrath (NE 17-130-60); Roland Waite (SE 31-130-60); Marshall Hokana (SE 24-129-62); William Hokana (NE 34-129-61); Elmer Schumacker (SW 11-130-61); Rudolph Sell (SE 25-130-61); Lois Youle (NE 14-129-61); Garth Holmes (NE 17-129-61); Paul Hansen (NW 28-129-60); Marvin Visto (SW 15-129-60); Earl Grady (SW 31-130-60); Robert Young (NE 24-129-61); Michael German (SW 12-130-61); Walt Beck (NE 30-130-60); and Allen Hansen (NE 9-129-60).



Collection from Art Kunrath



Indian hammers from various persons in the community

Other people in the community who had artifacts in their possession are as follows: Royal Boniek (NW 7-129-61); Larry Thorpe (SW 11-129-60); Eugene Burlingame (NE 21-129-61); Royal Berntson (SE 13-129-61); Doyle Burkhardt (SW 26-129-61); Fred Moore (NE 10-129-61); Howard Anderson (SW 6-129-60); Bert Pederson (NE 31-129-60); George Forward, Jr. (SE 17-130-60); Rex Hokana (NE 33-129-61); James White (NW 18-129-60); Harold Scheffert (NW 4-129-60); and Lynn Voightman (SE 2-129-60).

The artifacts found by early settlers and carried away cannot be estimated but we think the numbers are great.



Cheri Pearson - the winner of the Honda Moped

Cheri Pearson of Milnor, North Dakota is the grand prize winner of a NC50 Honda Moped in a drawing sponsored by the Guelph Centennial Committee. She is a former Guelph area resident, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Allen Forward, Jr.

Roger Peters and Ron Franz, both of Oakes, North Dakota, were also prize winners. They each won an AM-FM portable radio.

Congratulations to these winners from the Guelph community and Centennial Committee!

GUELPH CENTENNIAL OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Co-Chairman: Marvin and Gwen Hansen
Roland and Karen Waite

Secretaries: Robert and Mildred Young

Treasurer: Shirley German

History Committee: Gladys Oliason

Publicity & Promotion Committee: Mae Holmes

Recreation & Activities: Rose Sell



Front row: Robert Young, Mildred Young, Gwen Hansen, Marvin Hansen, Shirley German
Back row: Rose Sell, Gladys Oliason, Mae Holmes, Karen Waite, Roland Waite



HISTORY COMMITTEE: Gladys Oliason, chr.

Front row: Gladys Oliason, Martha Pederson, Robert Young, Mildred Young, Vivian Weselch, Mona Visto

Middle row: Marlys Hokana, Hilda Luoma, Mae Holmes, Theta Jensen, Joan Andersen, Shirley German

Back row: Roland Waite, Karen Waite, Garth Holmes, S.H. Jensen, Marvin Hansen

Not pictured: Harold & Ann Maddock, Jens Carlson, Dorothy Barsten, Gwen Hansen



PUBLICITY AND PROMOTION COMMITTEE: Mae Holmes, chairman
Front row: Ella Waite, Debbie Maddock

Back row: Gwen Hansen, Larry Weseloh, Judy German, Mae Holmes



CENTENNIAL CORRESPONDENCE COMMITTEE: Karen Waite, chr.
Front row: Hilda Luoma, Karen Waite

Back row: Esther Beck, Isabelle Filbert, Gladys Oliason

Not pictured: Pat Moore



KITCHEN COMMITTEE: Norma Hauser, chr.

Left to right: Mildred Brown, Dolores Young, Norma Hauser



DEMOLITION DERBY: Fred Moore, chr.

Left to right: Fred Moore, Fritz (Francis) Maddock, Jeff Stricherz

Not pictured: Larry Andersen



PHOTOGRAPHER OF CENTENNIAL COMMITTEES: Daphne Oswald Kinzler



GROUP ATTENDING DECEMBER 20, 1982 CENTENNIAL MEETING

OTHER CENTENNIAL COMMITTEES AS OF MARCH 21, 1983

ACTIVITIES & RECREATION: Mrs. Rodney (Rose) Sell, chr;
Mrs. Larry (Vivian) Weseloh, Mrs. Kurt (Geri) Courtney, and Mrs Raymond (Janet) Burkhardt

CENTENNIAL BAND & CHORUS: Mrs. Larry (Vivian) Weseloh, chr.

Mrs. Eugene (Daphne) Kinzler, Mr. Ray Hollan, and Mrs. Walt (Sue) Kalbus

REGISTRATION: Mr. Robert Young, chr.

Mrs. Leo (Shirley) German, Mrs. Larry (Jeannie) Thorpe, and Mrs. Evelyn Montgomery

ADVERTISING: Mr. Marvin Hansen

GROUP PICTURES: Mrs. Howard (Joan) Andersen and Mrs. Vern (Anna Mae) Courtney

PANCAKE & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST: Robert Young, chr.

MISCELLANEOUS GUELPH



Owen Wallace visits big sister in city of Guelph, Ontario, Canada.



James River N.D. - S.D. Stateline Bridge - Aug. 1973. Note the detour in foreground and the river is dry.



School at Ludden, N.D about 1910. Top row: Laverna Randall, Nina Baker, Ethel Baker (teacher, niece of Mrs. M.H. Puffer, Nellie Howard Next row: Nettie Howard. 3rd row: -,-,-,Esther Schrader. 4th row: -, Sarah Townsend, Vera Shrader, Frances Turnham. Bottom row: Carl Schemerhorn, Willie Norton, Dewey Faucett, Henry Peterson.



Reverend and Mrs. Martin Bast on their 50th wedding anniversary. Reverend Bast was pastor of the Holiness Methodist Church Guelph.



Richard, Billy, and Nancy Bergman in front of their first home in Africa.



Reverend and Mrs. Watler Larson, pastor of Guelph Methodist Church.



Marie Yuhl Frietag Alfred Frietag, Barton, Joyce, David Leonard, Charles and Robert. Reverend Frietag was pastor of Holiness Methodist Church.



Reverend Rudolph and Leona Robie. Both were reared in Guelph.



Ludden Baseball Team - 1930. Back row: Jerome German, Lawrence German, Les Turner, Ole Randall, Beru Lockala, Leo German, Ben German.
Front row: Heine Meyers, John Kilchenman, Walt Beck, George German.



Eaton School #7 SW 29-129-60 about 1913. Back row: Alma Hansen, Lee Courtney, Esther Schraeder (teacher), girl, Nora Pederson, Johanna Hansen. Center: Margaret Bostrup. Front Row: Jess Hansen, Henry Pederson, Walter Cowley, Perry Pederson, George Cowley, Boy, Boy.



Logan Maddock farm (NW¼ of 33-130-60)



Road building in 1925.



John Schwarting overhauls George Bliss's 1913 Case tractor. Bank in background.



Hoosier picnic at Allen's Grove on July 16, 1911 (SW12-129-60). Picnics were favorite recreation for early pioneers. Among those attending this picnic were: Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Hyatt and children - Everett, Glen, Ethyl, Lila, Era and Hazel, Mrs. Hyatt's mother, Mrs. Porter, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Gordon and children - Lloyd, Gertrude, Mary, Cora and Don, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Maddock and Theta, Mr. and Mrs. Logan Maddock and children - Leonia and Wilma.



Lela Cowley's Sunday School Class about 1915. Eaton School #7 (SW 29-129-60. Back row: Hurlbert, Jacob Wilbert, Carl Wilbert, Henry Pederson, Elma Hansen, Lela Cowley, Jess Hansen, Lewis Herther, Gertrude Herther, Helen Hurlbert, Edith Hodge. Second Row: Hurlbert boy, Hurlbert boy, Johann Hansen, Nellie Zearly, Margaret Bostrup, Nora Pederson, Ella Hansen, girl, Florence Bostrup, Freddie Herther, Maynard Pederson. Front: Florence Pederson.



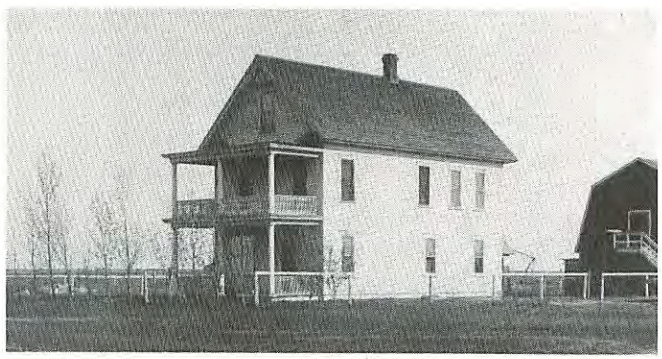
Lonnie Maddock farm in the early 1900's. Gary Hauser now resides there (NE¼ of S 28-130-60).



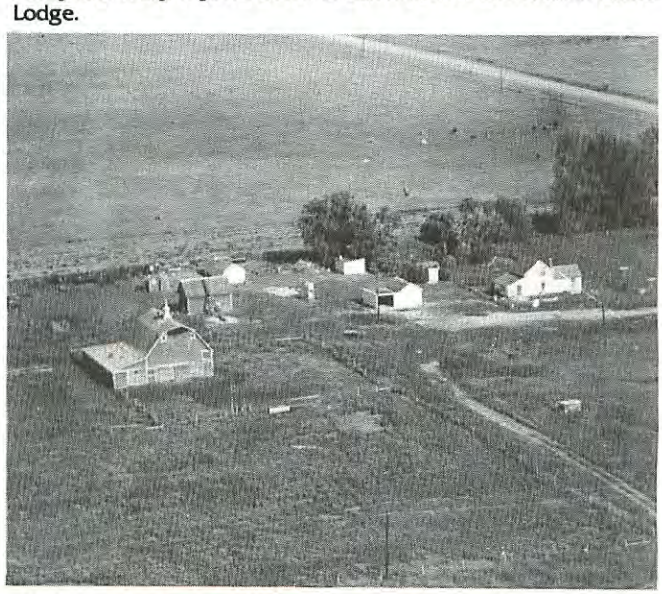
Ladies that cooked for the "plowing bee" at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. (L to R) Back Row: Joann Hansen, Lillian Holmes, Mary Waite, Minnie Young, and Edna Perlenfein, Front Row: Petrea Bostrup, Maude Root, and Rosie Van Meter.



Odin Ollason farmstead in 1914. Now the Berntson farmstead.



Henry and Mary Taylor's home in Ludden, now the Ludden Game Lodge.



Frank Luoma Farm in 1954, SE¼ of 4-129-59. Hankel farm now owned by Ray Palensky.



James Cowley farm NE# of 16-129-60. Now owned by Ben Scheffe



Original farmstead built by Millo Bostrup in 1900. Completely rebuilt after tomado of 1921.



Pre 1908 skinny dippers.



G.C. Howard formerly of Ludden, later of Guelph, in his WW I Army uniform.



Myron Schultz - Air Force Communications. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. M.H. Puffer, who were among the first families to settle in Guelph.



Ken Waites 10 horse drill rig.



Gradys stacking hay - Carl on the stack and Earl driving the stacker team.



Frank, Anna, and Caroline Dennison, early residents of Guelph.



1913-1914: Mary Ellen Elizabeth Waite, Beatrice (Mrs. Roy Thomas), Zimbleman Brothers, Clendon Waite, Maylon Waite, Jens Carlson, Melvin Oliason, Waldon Waite - Craft School Eaton #6.



Lothie and Gertie Puffer and a cousin from Minneapolis. Taken in Puffer's Grove. Puffer's Grove was the center for numerous picnics.



Peter and Henry Kunrath and nieces Freda and Alvina.



Rebuilt barn and a granary at Bostrup farm.



Julius, Edwar, and Carl Frederick, sons of Anna Frederick Kuschner, early residents of Guelph.



Naomi Wagner, Dorothy Schultz, Kathleen McGivern - dress up in 1926.



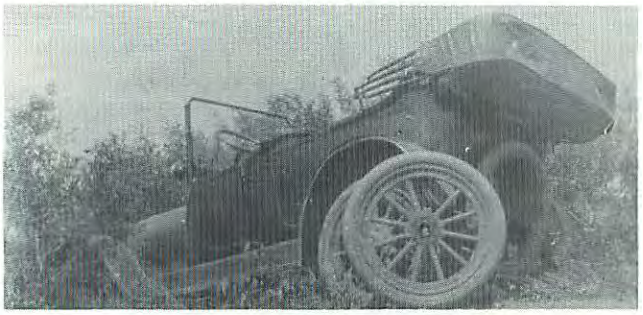
Main Street in Ludden.



Mr. and Mrs. C.B. Dennison's Golden Anniversay, married in 1904. They built the farmstead where Ray Burkhaadt lives and also the one where Clyde Hansen, Sr. family live.



Header Box Crew of S. Waite farm.



Broken axle and broken spoke.



Marion, Jessie and Larve Esterby.



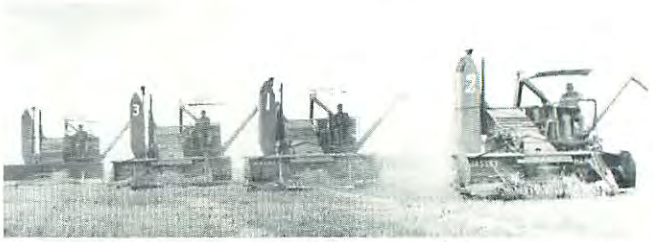
Lawrence McGivern Lynhs Sitts, Albert Olson with bat, Alvin Haug and Dale Newman. Holiness Church in background.



Hudson Township Board - March 13, 1934 - Charles Maddock, Richard Weist, Matt German, Charles Kendall, Lonnie Maddock.



Henry and Mary Taylor, taken when they were first married about 1903.



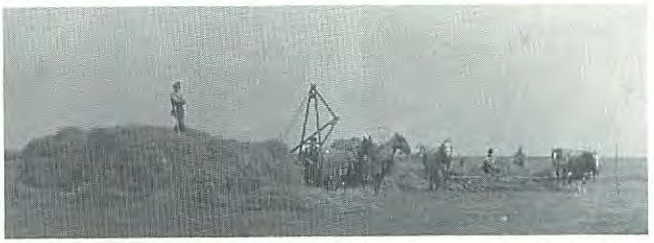
North of Guelph, first 3 combines owned by Julius Honl, last one by Al Braun.



Left to right: Nimrods Harold Maddock, Jake Wagner, Clyde Hauser, Sr., Roy Williamson, Harry Newman.



Harry Newmans crew of binders.



Haying on the Hyatt Ranch. Everett in the stack , NE Hyatt on the stacker team, Hazel on the bucker.



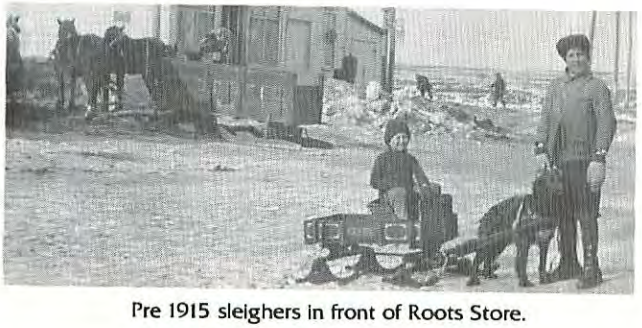
Howard Andersen farm.



Mr. and Mrs. M. Boyce. They homesteaded NW¼ S32-130-59.



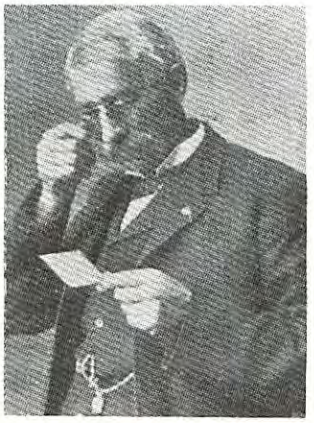
Two avid fishermen from Guelph - Gust Young and Grover Howard, fishing on Potato Lake in the late 40's.



Pre 1915 sleighers in front of Roots Store.



An attempt at a horseless carriage that didn't make it. Hudson Twp.



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Play in Ludden befor 1908. L to R - Harry Randall, Everett Rowe, Effie Meyers. Emily Greenwald. Mrs. Hubbard, laverna Randall.



The Kenneth farm as it is today. Clarence Kunrath lives there now.



Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tobin, former residents of the farm now owned by Ray Burkhardt.



Nick Burkhardt farm in the early 1900's (NW of 26-129-61).



Howard Harden visits Nellie Schultz - 1955.



Public School in Ludden, N.D.



Earl Grady with Grady's car.



Essie Schwarting, Aug. 19, 1969 on her 80th birthday.



1930 Guelph Baseball Team: Top row - Carl Burow, Lawrence McGivern, Bob Van Meter, Floyd Van Meter, Claudia Van Meter.Bottom row - Hugh Hardin, Walter Burow , Rod Van Eschen and Miles White.



Essie Schwarting and twins - Willard and Wilma.



Erecting the sign about the Guelph Centennial at the Guelph corner. Note the radio telephone tower in the background.



A close up of the sign about the Guelph Centennial.

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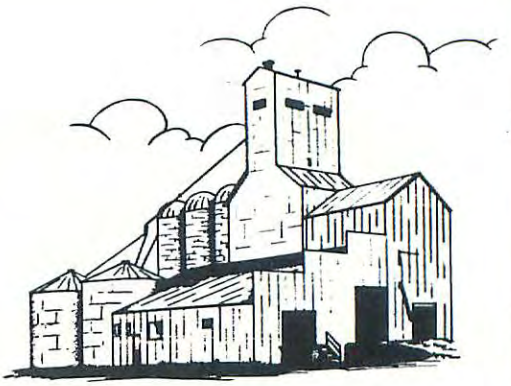


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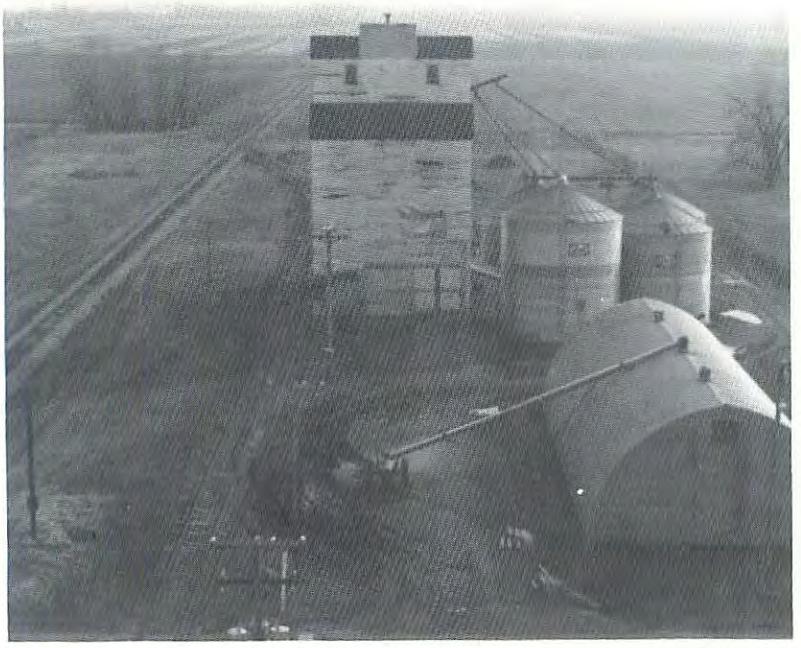
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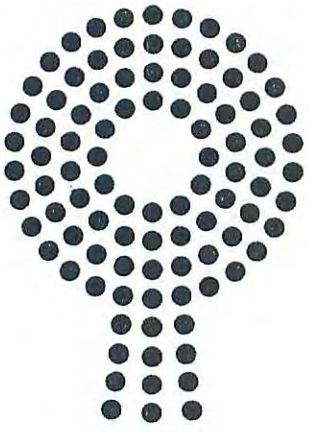
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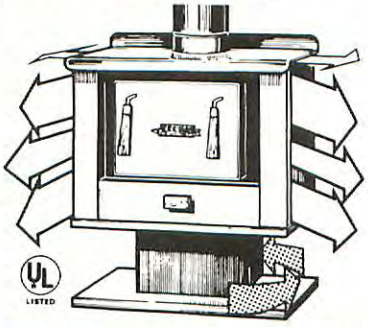
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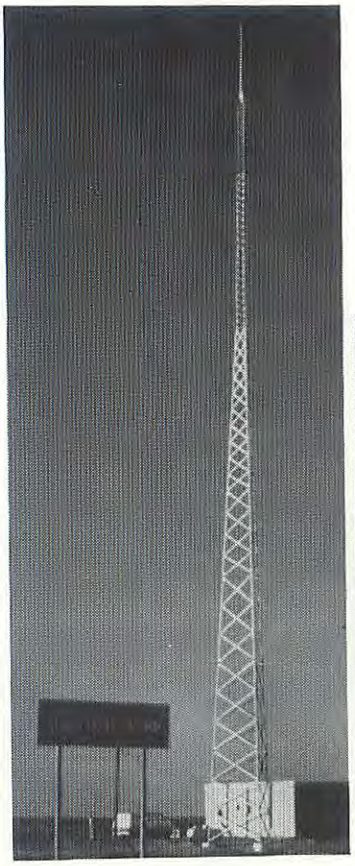
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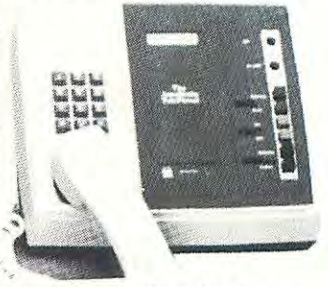


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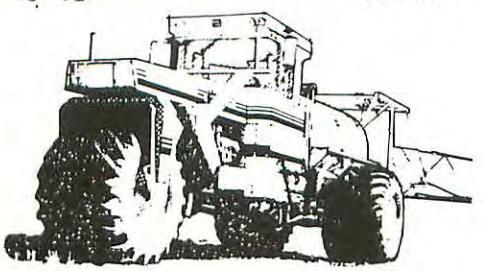
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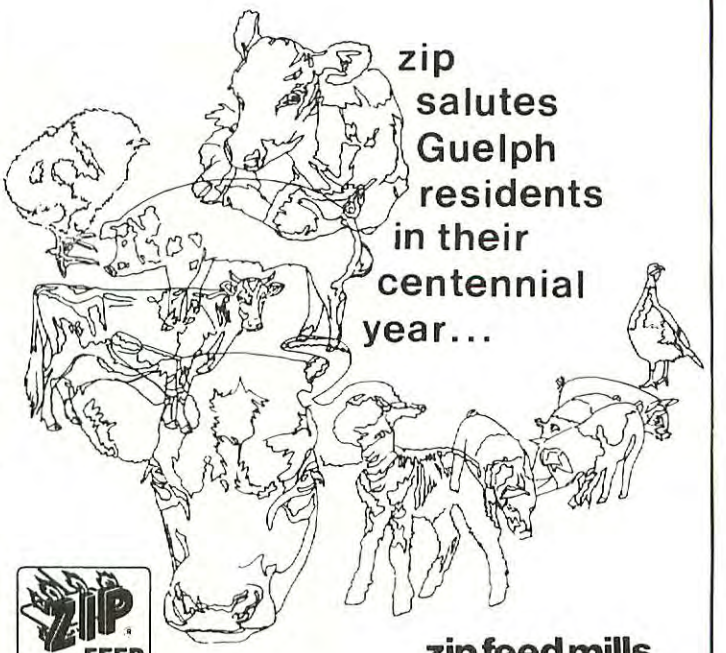


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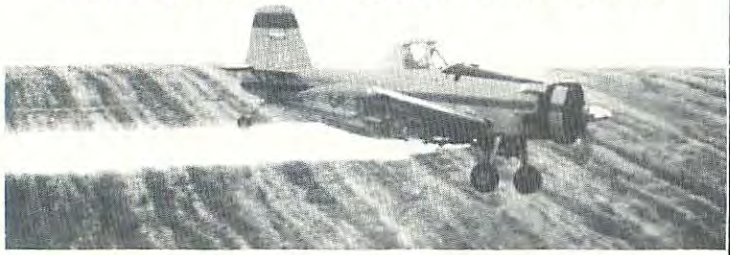
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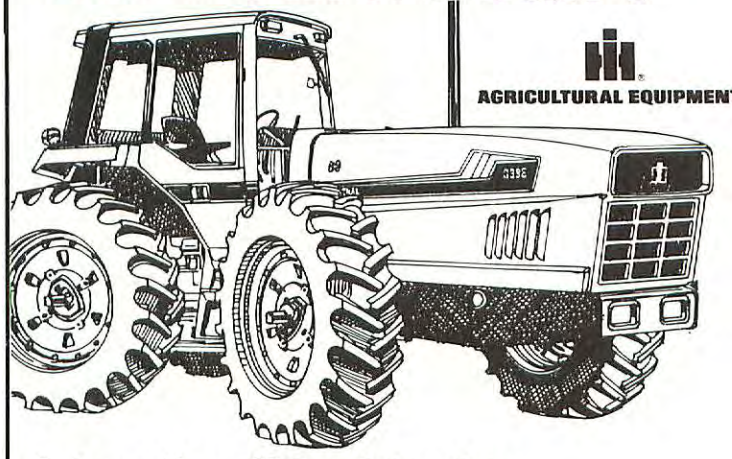
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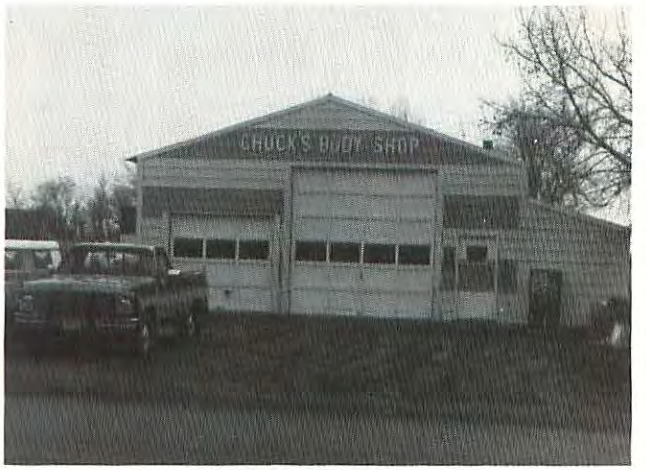
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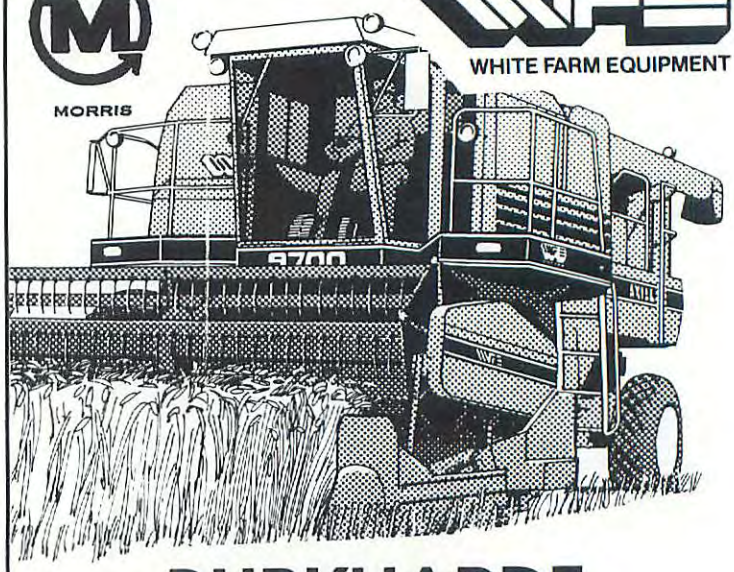
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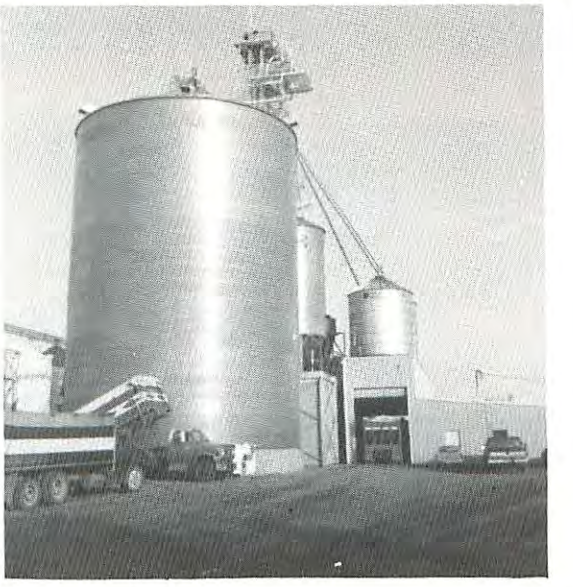


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